

SOME ANCESTORS OF NELLY JANE (FRANKLIN) LEFEVRE: AN AFRICAN AMERICAN OF THE MID-HUDSON VALLEY

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Tracing African Americans in New York's mid-Hudson Valley is challenging, especially in the years preceding the 1850 census. Federal and state censuses of New York prior to 1850 recorded only the head of the household, thereby often missing African Americans, who generally lived subsumed in another household. Most pre-1850 state censuses for Ulster County, where this family lived, have not survived.¹ Even after 1850, census information for this segment of the population was often not recorded or recorded incorrectly. Enslaved and free black members of the Reformed Dutch Church—the dominant church in the area—were entitled to have their children baptized,² yet the earliest such baptism recorded in the church at New Paltz occurred in 1821.³ Most enslaved or freed blacks were poor and illiterate or barely literate. Family Bibles are seldom owned by illiterate people, and land ownership, estate settlements, and grave markers are rare for people with little money. Registration of vital records in New York, which presumably would apply to everyone, did not begin until 1880, and even then compliance with the law was inconsistent until 1913 or even later.⁴

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¹ The local copy of the 1845 census of the Town of New Paltz survives and is held in the archives of Historic Huguenot Street, New Paltz, N.Y.

² Persons of African descent had been baptized in Dutch Reformed Churches on and off since 1639, but the practice was not formally sanctioned by the church until 1792. See *The Constitution of the Reformed Dutch Church in the United-States of America* (New York: George Forman, 1815), p. 231, which reprinted the "Articles Explanatory of the Government and Discipline of the Reformed Dutch Church in the United-States of America," adopted by the church at the General Synod in New York, 10 Oct. 1792.

³ The baptism of five children—Diannah, Dina, Jacob, Isabel, and Janet—of Hannah Freer, "woman of colour," on 11 Oct. 1821 was the first such baptism (Reformed Church of New Paltz, "Baptismal Register of the Reformed Dutch Congregation of New Paltz," [labeled Vol. 7], unpaginated, arranged chronologically). The original records are held in the church archive, New Paltz. This church was originally incorporated as the Reformed Dutch Church of New Paltz, but dropped the "Dutch" from its name in 1857.

⁴ Vital records were required to be kept in the towns 1847–1850, but few of these records are extant. Those for the Town of New Paltz have survived and are cited when appropriate. See *Guide to Public Vital Records in New York State, Including New York City* (Albany: Works Progress Administration, 1942), x–xiii. New York passed a law in 1880 requiring recording of all births, marriages, and deaths, within three days of their occurrence. In 1889 a penalty was established for noncompliance. Despite these laws, compliance remained inconsistent until 1913 or later. In 1913 the legislature passed "An Act to Amend the Public Health Law in Relation to Vital Statistics" (21 May 1913, Chap. 619, *Laws of the State of New York, Passed at the One Hundred and Thirty-Sixth Session of the Legislature*, Volume 3 [Albany: J. B. Lyon, 1913], 1647). The law applied to cities, villages, and towns and provided for serious fines and imprisonment for officials found noncompliant in recording vital statistics.

Despite these challenges, evidence from commonly used sources—as well as from several unusual ones—can be pieced together to allow the reconstruction of Nelly Jane (Franklin) LeFevre’s ancestry.

NELLY JANE (FRANKLIN) LEFEVRE AND HER NEIGHBORHOOD

When Nelly Jane Franklin married John LeFevre on 3 August 1871 at the home of her brother Andrew⁵ in Jenkinstown, Ulster County, New York,⁶ she was 17 or 18 years old.⁷ Nelly and John’s daughter May had been born a few months earlier.⁸ Their next child, Jane, was born in 1875,⁹ and on 5 June 1877 they added twin boys, John and Samuel, to their family.¹⁰

A letter written by Nelly in 1877 to her friend Maggie not only provides a vivid glimpse into Nelly’s life, but also places her in the neighborhood of her childhood, where her parents can be found:

July 4, 1877

Friend Maggie I sit down to rite once to you for you are a kind friend as I have, and I do not want to forget you. I have two little twin babies that are a month and a half old, they are both boys, they are very good but to take care of two babies takes a good deal of time. I have not a grate deal of clothes for them so Maggie if you have any old things will you pack them up and send them to me. I do not care how old they are. I will be very thankful to get them and if we do not ask we shall not receive, do not take it as an insult for me writing to you. The Jenkins Friends are all gone so you and Miss Freer is the only ones I have to think of as good friends. I could not take in any work this summer so that makes it bad.

⁵ John LeFever-Nellie Jane Franklin marriage, “Record of the Methodist Episcopal Church,” unpaginated, arranged chronologically, Memorial United Methodist Church, Modena, N.Y., which notes the marriage took place at the home of Andrew Franklin in Modena, shown below to be her brother. The information for this entry is written in blue ink, but above John’s name is written “Abraham” in brown ink. John’s probable father was Abraham LeFevre (see discussion in the genealogical summary), and the scribe may have been recording John’s father’s name. Some transcriptions incorrectly report the groom’s name as Abraham (Kenneth E. Hasbrouck, “Methodist Church Records: Book III, Modena, Ulster County, N.Y. (Including East and West Plattekill Churches, also Clintondale), 1868–1906,” [typescript, 1954; Huguenot Historical Society Library], 28).

⁶ John LeFever Civil War pension (Private, Co. C, 31st U.S. Colored Inf., Civil War), file #997,244, Case Files of Approved Pension Applications . . . , 1861–1934, Civil War and Later Pension Files, Department of Veterans Affairs, Records Group [RG] 15, National Archives, Washington, D.C. Form 3-173, completed by John LeFever in 1898, lists his place of marriage as “Jenkins Town Ulster County NY.”

⁷ Nelly was age 1 on the 1855 census (Nellie Jane Franklin in Charles B. Jenkins household, 1855 N.Y. state census, Town of Gardiner, Ulster Co., p. 30 [penned], dw. 229, fam. 242) and age 17 on the 1870 census (Nelly Franklin in Zackariah Frear household, 1870 U.S. census, Modena P.O., Town of Lloyd, Ulster Co., N.Y., p. 423 [stamped], dw. 5, fam. 4 [National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) M593, roll 1106]). Other censuses (cited below) imply an 1854 birth year. Her birth date was reported as 24 May 1855 on her death certificate and her grave marker, but must be inaccurate (Nellie J. LeFevre death cert., N.Y., 1922, #7047; John LeFevre and Nellie Jane Franklin markers, section 20, Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery, Poughkeepsie, N.Y., personally read by author, Sept. 2013).

⁸ John LeFever Civil War pension (note 6), which lists his children and their birthdates. May’s birth was reported as May 1871 in 1900 (Geo. A. Henderson household, 1900 U.S. census, Town of Hyde Park, Dutchess Co., N.Y., Enumeration District [ED] 11, p. 232 [stamped, *recto* and *verso*], dw. 29, fam. 33 [NARA T623, roll 1022]).

⁹ Jane’s age was reported as six months in 1875 (Jane LeFevre in John LeFever household, 1875 N.Y. state census, Town of Fishkill, Election District [Elec. Dist.] 5, Dutchess Co., N.Y., p. 6 [penned], dw. 49, fam. 55).

¹⁰ John LeFever Civil War pension (note 6), which lists his children and their birthdates. In Nelly’s 4 July 1877 letter to Maggie (transcribed above), she mentioned her twin babies, “a month and a half old.”

Address New Hackensack, Dutchess Co. in care of William Rowe, and I will sure get it if you send it. Excuse my writing. Hope this letter will find you all well.

From a friend

Nelly J. LeFevre colored¹¹

The people Nelly mentioned in her letter lived on farms near the hamlet of Jenkinstown. This area, which was nearly all originally part of the Town of New Paltz, was gradually sectioned off into several towns. In 1845 the eastern portion of New Paltz was taken off, forming the Town of Lloyd, and in 1853 the southwestern portion (along with parts of Rochester and Shawangunk) became the Town of Gardiner. The Town of Plattekill to the south was formed in 1800 from the Town of Marlborough.¹² Figure 1 shows the intersection of these towns and some important landmarks of Nelly's story, including the homes of the people whose lives touched hers. Understanding this neighborhood, and the relationships of the people who lived there, is vital to understanding Nelly's ancestry.

Nelly's "Friend Maggie" was probably Margaret (Dubois) Church, wife of Oliver B. Church.¹³ Margaret and Oliver lived with his parents, Samuel Church and Susannah (Brodhead) Church,¹⁴ on the property directly south of Charles B. Jenkins in Modena, Town of Gardiner, with whom Nelly lived in 1855 and 1860 (see figure 1).¹⁵ Susannah was the daughter of Oliver C. Brodhead and granddaughter of Charles and Mary (Oliver) Brodhead.¹⁶ As will be shown below, the Brodhead and Jenkins families were close associates of Nelly's family

¹¹ William Heidgerd, *Black History of New Paltz* (New Paltz, N.Y.: Haviland-Heidgerd Collection, Elting Memorial Library, 1986), 17, which includes the transcription of the letter, without noting the location of the original letter. Attempts to locate the original letter have been unsuccessful.

Nelly may have appended "colored" to her signature to distinguish herself from other (white) Nelly (or Cornelia or Petronella) Lefevres or because the culture in which she lived expected it. Most records of African Americans living in the nineteenth-century mid-Hudson valley contain racial designations such as "colored" or "person of color." In the New Paltz area, where a majority of people descend from twelve patentees (only seven distinct surnames), several people often had the same name. White residents used the initial of their father's given name (a modified form of patronymics) to distinguish themselves from others of the same name; black residents were identified by the term "colored."

In the Town of New Paltz, where the Franklins were enumerated, seven percent of the population was African American (see the population summary for New Paltz: 1850 U.S. census, Town of New Paltz, Ulster Co., N.Y., p. 342 [NARA M342, Roll 608], which names 188 "colored" and 2541 "white" residents). The designation of "colored" or "B" helps distinguish between individuals of the same name.

¹² J. H. French, *Gazetteer of the State of New York* (Syracuse: R. Pearsall Smith, 1860), 662–65.

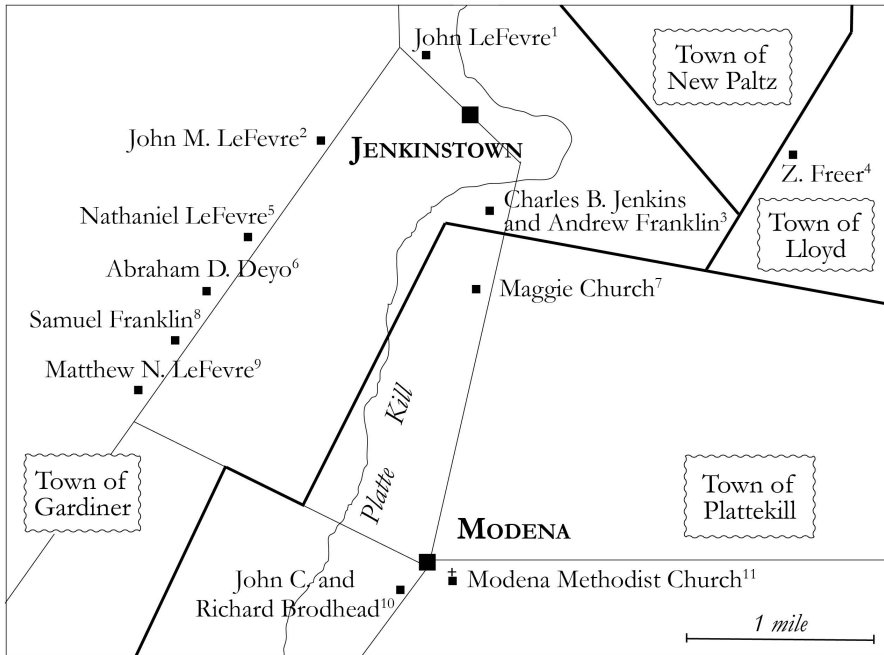
¹³ Church family monument, Modena Rural Cemetery, Modena, N.Y., viewed by author, 27 Mar. 2014, in which one panel reads "Oliver B. Church, born Sept. 18, 1835, died Nov. 30, 1910, Margaret Dubois, his wife, born Feb. 17, 1846, died Oct. 20, 1912."

¹⁴ Samuel Church, in his will written 7 Apr. 1872, bequeathed to his son Oliver B. Church his house in the Town of Plattekill, with the provision that Samuel's widow, Susannah, continue to live there (Ulster Co., N.Y., Wills Q:794–96 [Family History Library microfilm (FHL) 842,598]). Samuel Church household, 1870 U.S. census, Town of Plattekill, Ulster Co., N.Y., p. 31 [penned], p. 82 [stamped], dw. 247, fam. 260 (NARA M593, roll 1107).

¹⁵ C. M. Woolsey, referee, to James Dearing, administrator of the estate of Charles B. Jenkins, dated 2 Oct. 1876, recorded 19 Oct. 1876, Ulster Co., N.Y., Deeds 202:355–58, which states that the farm of Charles B. Jenkins was bounded on the south by Samuel Church. Nellie Jane Franklin in Charles B. Jenkins household, 1855 N.Y. state census, Ulster Co. (note 7). Nelly J. Franklin in Ch^s Jenkins household, 1860 U.S. census, Modena, Town of Gardiner, Ulster Co., N.Y., pp. 172–73, dw. 1162, fam. 1252 (NARA M683, roll 871).

¹⁶ Oliver Brodhead in Samuel Church household, 1855 N.Y. state census, Town of Gardiner, Ulster Co., p. 29, dw. 217, fam. 230, in which Susannah Church, 40, was recorded as Samuel's wife and Oliver Brodhead, 78, as his father-in-law.

Figure 1
Nelly's Neighborhood



Adapted from two nineteenth-century maps (P. Henry Brink and Oliver J. Tillson, *Map of Ulster County, New York* [Rosendale, N.Y.: Brink and Tillson, 1853]; *County Atlas of Ulster County, New York* [New York: Walker and Jewett, 1875]). The map has been simplified to show only relevant roads and residents. The key below describes the turnover in landowners and tenants over time, information more fully explained and cited in the text. Some roads follow the lines separating towns. Households have been identified by the individual most relevant to the problem, without listing prior or later owners, which have been noted below.

1. Lot purchased by John LeFevre, "colored," from John M. LeFevre in 1866.
2. This land passed to John M. LeFevre from his father, Matthew J. LeFevre, and grandfather John A. LeFevre. The latter registered the 1800 birth of "Abram," father of John LeFevre, "colored," who bought some of that land in 1866.
3. Property of Mary (Oliver) Brodhead, widow of Charles Brodhead, which passed to her son-in-law John Jenkins, who died in 1836, leaving it to his son, Charles B. Jenkins, and daughters. Nelly's brother, Andrew Franklin, was a tenant on this property.
4. Nelly was working as a domestic in Zachariah and Mary Freer's residence in 1870.
5. Nathaniel LeFevre registered the birth of "Bat" in 1804, who was most likely Elizabeth LeFevre, wife of Samuel Franklin.
6. Abraham D. Deyo registered the birth of "Sam" in 1804. His widow, Ann, registered the births of Rachel and Diana Franklin in 1814. Their son Daniel A. Deyo lived there in 1830, when Samuel Franklin was enumerated one household away.
7. Maggie (Dubois) Church, wife of Oliver B. Church, lived with Oliver's parents, Samuel and Susannah (Brodhead) Church, just south of Charles B. Jenkins. Maggie's mother, Susannah, was daughter of Oliver C. Brodhead (another son of Charles and Mary).
8. Samuel Franklin, never a landowner, appears to have been a tenant farmer on Daniel A. Deyo's land. Daniel's father, Abraham D. Deyo, registered the birth of Sam in 1804.
9. John LeFevre, "colored," substituted for Matthew N. LeFevre in the Civil War.
10. John C. and Richard Brodhead, unmarried sons of Charles and Mary (Oliver) Brodhead. Nancy and Deby Franklin lived with John C. Brodhead in 1850.
11. The marriage of John LeFevre and Nelly Franklin is recorded in the records of Modena Methodist Church, and Maggie Church was a Sunday school teacher there.

over several generations. Margaret Church was called Maggie in 1900,¹⁷ and in 1880 Mrs. Maggie Church was a Sunday School teacher at Modena Methodist Church,¹⁸ the church where the marriage of Nelly and John LeFevre was recorded.¹⁹ That wedding was held at the home of her brother, Andrew Franklin, who lived on land that had been owned by Charles B. Jenkins.²⁰ Although the identity of Nelly's friend Maggie cannot be known for certain, this is the only Margaret/Maggie so closely associated with the neighborhood where Nelly grew up and married.

Nelly's comment regarding "Miss Freer" likely refers to Mary, the wife of Zachariah Freer. In 1870, just prior to her marriage, "Nelley" Franklin was listed as age 17, B[lack], and working as a domestic servant in the household of Zachariah and Mary Frear in the Town of Lloyd (see figure 1).²¹

Similarly, her "Jenkins Friends" are surely the family of Charles B. Jenkins, in whose household she had grown up.²² The Jenkins family was indeed "all gone" by 1877. Rachel Jenkins made bequests in her will to Andrew Franklin, "a colored man" (\$200), Ann Elizabeth Franklin, "a colored girl" (\$100), and Nelly Jane Franklin, "a colored girl" (\$100).²³ Rachel, "late of Washington" in Dutchess County, died 27 August 1874, and her administrators petitioned the court to sell her land. Her sister Catherine was then a resident of the Town of Washington, Dutchess County.²⁴ Charles B. Jenkins had died 20 June 1875 leaving his sisters as heirs: Mary Ann Jenkins, Catherine Kelley, wife of Thompson Kelley, and Margaret Sloat of Jersey City, New Jersey.²⁵ Mary Ann Jenkins described herself as a resident of the Town of Washington when she wrote her will on 24 March 1875. She instructed that her brother Charles, "now insane," be cared for. However, Charles died before her. She died before 12 September 1878, when her will was recorded.²⁶

Nelly's future husband John LeFevre also had ties to the same neighborhood. In September of 1863 John Lafever (described as black) signed papers in the Town of Gardiner to serve as a substitute soldier for Mathew N. Lafever, merchant, who had been drafted.²⁷ Mathew lived just down the road from his

¹⁷ Oliver B. Church household, 1900 U.S. census, Town of Plattekill, Ulster Co., N.Y., ED 122, sheet 10B, p. 220 [stamped, *verso*], dw. 243, fam. 254 (NARA T623, roll 1170).

¹⁸ "Plattekill," *Kingston Freeman* (Kingston, N.Y.), 18 May 1880, p. 1, col. 5.

¹⁹ John LeFever-Nellie Jane Franklin marriage, "Record of the Methodist Episcopal Church" (note 5).

²⁰ Rachel H. Jenkins estate, Dutchess Co., N.Y., dated 30 Sept. 1876, estate file 8249, loose papers, Dutchess Co. Surrogate's Court, Poughkeepsie, requesting permission to sell land of the deceased and describing Andrew as an occupant of the Jenkins land.

²¹ Nelley Franklin in Zachariah Frear household, 1870 U.S. census, Ulster Co., N.Y. (note 7).

²² Nellie Jane Franklin in Charles B. Jenkins household, 1855 N.Y. state census, Ulster Co. (note 7). Nelly J. Franklin in Ch^s Jenkins household, 1860 U.S. census, Ulster Co., N.Y. (note 15).

²³ Rachel H. Jenkins will, dated 24 Apr. 1871, probated 28 Apr. 1876, Dutchess Co., N.Y., Wills 4:74-75.

²⁴ Rachel H. Jenkins estate (note 20).

²⁵ Charles B. Jenkins petition, estate file Box 177, dated and filed 25 Jan. 1876, Ulster Co., N.Y., Surrogate's Court, Kingston. C. M. Woolsey, referee, to James Dearing, administrator of the estate of Charles B. Jenkins (note 18), dated 2 Oct. 1876. Charles died intestate (Charles B. Jenkins estate, Ulster Co., N.Y., Letters of Administration 3:769). Charles apparently never married. Only one son, Charles, was named in his father's will (John Jenkins will, dated 5 Aug. 1838, probated 12 Nov. 1838, Ulster Co., N.Y., Wills 1:333-37), but four daughters were listed: Mary Ann Jenkins, Rachel Houseman Jenkins, Catherine Jenkins, and Margaret, wife of Henry E. Sloat.

²⁶ Mary Ann Jenkins will, written 24 Mar. 1875, probated 12 Sept. 1878, Dutchess Co., N.Y., Wills 5:343-45, in which she made provision for the care of her brother, Charles.

²⁷ Pvt. John Lafever/Lefevre compiled service records, 39th Reg. U.S. Colored Infantry, Civil War, Compiled Military Service Records of Volunteer Union Soldiers (NARA M1993, roll 90); also 31st Reg't. U.S.

distant cousin John M. LeFevre, whose grandfather had registered the birth of the slave child “Abram”—the probable father of John LeFevre, “colored”—in 1800 (see figure 1).²⁸ The 1855 household of John M. Lefever included Abraham and Louisa Lefever, B[lack],²⁹ the probable parents of the substitute.³⁰ Louisa Lefever, B[lack], John’s probable mother, was still in John M. Lefever’s household in 1860, and in the next dwelling was Mathew N. Lefever, for whom her son substituted.³¹ On 9 November 1866 John Lefever, “colored,” of the Town of Gardiner, bought two acres from John M. Lefever and his wife, Maria, for \$500.³²

NELLY JANE FRANKLIN’S PARENTS

Nelly Jane Franklin’s mother was recorded on her death certificate as Diana Franklin, but her father was unknown to the informant, her son Samuel W. LeFevre.³³ Nelly was born before civil registration of births began in New York, and baptismal records for her and her siblings have not been found.

In 1855 and 1860 Nelly was enumerated with her mother, Diana, and her four siblings—all surnamed Franklin and all termed domestics—in the Charles Jenkins household in the Town of Gardiner.³⁴ No marriage record has been found of a Diana to a Franklin. There were no adult males with the Franklin surname in the household. There were two adult black males, Fortune Bevier and John Easterly, there in 1860, but their relationship, if any, to Diana or her children is unknown.³⁵

On 12 December 1859 Diana Franklin married Robert Deyo in the Reformed Church of New Paltz.³⁶ Diana and her children were enumerated in 1860 with the Franklin surname, but in the 1865 census Diana was enumerated as Diana Deyo. She was recorded as having been married twice, was currently married, and was mother of five children. Four children—Jacob, Ann, Nellie and Samuel—were listed with the surname of Deyo; another child, Andrew,

Colored Infantry, Civil War (NARA M1992, roll 10). John Lefever Civil War pension (note 6). A comparison of these records confirms they refer to the same man, who transferred regiments.

²⁸ “Abram” entry, Town of New Paltz Register of Slaves (1799–1825), unpaginated, arranged chronologically, digital image, *Hudson River Valley Heritage* (www.hrvh.org/cdm/compoundobject/collection/hhs/id/417/rec/2). The original register is at the archives of Historic Huguenot Street, New Paltz.

²⁹ John M. Lefever household, 1855 N.Y. state census, Town of Gardiner, Ulster Co., p. 35, dw. 262, fam. 277.

³⁰ The probable parents of John Lefever will be discussed in the genealogical summary.

³¹ John N. [*sic*, M.] Lefever household, 1860 U.S. census, Town of Gardiner, Ulster Co., N.Y., p. 168, dw. 1133, fam. 1223 (NARA M653, roll 871). Although his name is written John N., his family composition shows him to be the same man as John M. Lefever in 1855. Also, Mathew N. Lefever household, 1860 U.S. census, Town of Gardiner, Ulster Co., N.Y., p. 168, dw. 1134, fam. 1224.

³² John M. Lefever and wife, Maria, to John Lefever (“colored man”), dated 19 Nov. 1866, recorded 16 Jan. 1868, Ulster Co., N.Y., Deeds 147:1–2. The deed describes a triangular-shaped lot in the Town of Gardiner lying north of the public highway to Jenkinstown, west of a small stream crossing the highway.

³³ Nellie J. Lefevre death cert. (note 7).

³⁴ Although the 1860 census does not indicate relationships, the 1855 census lists Diana as Nelly’s mother. Franklin family in Charles B. Jenkins household, 1855 N.Y. state census, Ulster Co. (note 7). Nelly J. Franklin in Ch^s Jenkins household, 1860 U.S. census, Ulster Co., N.Y. (note 15).

³⁵ Fortune Bevier and Jno Easterly in Ch^s Jenkins household, 1860 U.S. census, Ulster Co., N.Y. (note 15).

³⁶ Robert Deyo-Diana Franklin marriage, Reformed Church of New Paltz (note 3), “Register of Church Members and Marriages,” Vol. 9, unpaginated, arranged chronologically.

had the surname of Franklin.³⁷ This might suggest that Andrew was a son of an unknown first husband of Diana, and the remaining children, including Nellie Jane, were children of her second husband, Robert Deyo. Yet this is the only record found in which the four children used the Deyo surname and may be an enumerator's mistake.

The father was not named in the death certificates of Nelly Jane Franklin's older siblings. Jacob Franklin's death certificate includes only his mother's name, Diana Franklin.³⁸ Andrew may have died between 1880, when he was enumerated in Plattekill,³⁹ and 1891, when his wife, Charlotte Franklin, appeared as the head of household in the Poughkeepsie city directory.⁴⁰ No record of his death has been found.⁴¹ On Ann Franklin's death certificate, her mother's maiden name is blank and her father's name is recorded as "Franklin."⁴² The record of Samuel Franklin's marriage to Ida (about 1885) might have included the names of his parents, but no record was found.⁴³ Samuel's death record lists both parents as "unknown."⁴⁴ Barring the discovery of a Franklin male who could be the children's father, it appears that Diana's Franklin surname was her maiden name.

Nelly (Franklin) LeFevre's mother was clearly Diana Franklin, but her father remains unidentified.

DIANA FRANKLIN'S PARENTS

Diana's birth year, as inferred from ages reported in censuses, was about 1824–1828,⁴⁵ and her birthplace was Ulster County.⁴⁶ The records of the Reformed Dutch Church of New Paltz record the birth and baptism of an African American child named Dianna who was born 1 January 1828, but her father's surname was recorded as Deyo, not Franklin.⁴⁷ A comparison of records from the

³⁷ Diana Franklin family in Ch^s Jenkins household, 1860 U.S. census, Ulster Co. (note 15). Diannah Deyo family in Charles B. Jenkins household, 1865 N.Y. state census, Town of Gardiner, Ulster Co., p. 23, dw. 157, fam. 157.

³⁸ Jacob Franklin death cert., N.Y., 1906, #41538.

³⁹ Andrew Franklin household, 1880 U.S. census, Town of Plattekill, Ulster Co., N.Y., ED 143, p. 30 [penned], dw. 247, fam. 296 (NARA T9, roll 940).

⁴⁰ *R. V. LeRay's Poughkeepsie City Directory* (Poughkeepsie, N.Y.: R. V. LeRay, 1891), 132.

⁴¹ His obituary was not found in the New Paltz obituary collection and his gravesite was not located. His death record was not found in the town records of New Paltz, Plattekill, or Gardiner, nor in the New York State death index.

⁴² Anna E. Franklin death cert., Danbury, Conn., 21 Feb. 1911, [no cert. # on certified copy], Registrar of Vital Statistics, Danbury.

⁴³ City of Poughkeepsie marriage records were searched from inception (1881) until 1900. No record of Samuel's marriage was found.

⁴⁴ Samuel W. Franklin death record, Town of Poughkeepsie, Dutchess Co., N.Y., Register of Deaths, p. 68, Town Clerk's Office, Poughkeepsie, N.Y. The New York state death cert. for Samuel Franklin, #13773, was requested, but the office did not deliver the copy, saying that it is illegible.

⁴⁵ Although her age reported in censuses fluctuated, most agree with the range stated above (Dianna Franklin in Charles B. Jenkins household, Town of New Paltz, 1850 U.S. census, Ulster Co., N.Y., p. 320 [stamped], dw. 1026, fam. 1081 [NARA M432, roll 608]; Diana Franklin in Charles B. Jenkins household, 1855 N.Y. state census, Ulster Co. [note 7]; Diana Franklin family in Ch^s Jenkins household, 1860 U.S. census, Ulster Co. [note 15]; Diannah Deyo in Charles B. Jenkins household, 1865 N.Y. state census, Ulster Co. [note 37]; Dianna Dubois in Portunatus [Fortunas] Dubois household, 1870 U.S. census, Town of Gardiner, Ulster Co., N.Y., p. 11, dw. 77, fam. 77 [NARA M593, roll 1105]).

⁴⁶ Diana Franklin in Charles B. Jenkins household, 1855 N.Y. state census, Ulster Co. (note 7). Diannah Deyo in Charles B. Jenkins household, 1865 N.Y. state census, Ulster Co. (note 37).

⁴⁷ Diana Deyo baptism, Reformed Church of New Paltz (note 3), "Baptismal Register of the Ref. Dutch Congregation of New Paltz," Vol. 7, unpaginated, arranged chronologically.

New Paltz Reformed Dutch Church suggests that the Samuel Deyo named as her father in her baptismal record, was also (and more commonly) known as Samuel Franklin:

- Samuel Franklin and Elizabeth Lefevre, “People of colour,” were married on 3 March 1827.⁴⁸
- Samuel Deyo and Elizabeth Lefevre, “People of coulor,” had their daughter Dianna baptized on 23 March 1828. Dianna was born 1 January 1828.⁴⁹
- Samuel Franklin and Elizabeth Lefevre, “People of couler,” had another daughter Nancy, born 17 September 1830, baptized on 19 November 1830.⁵⁰
- Elizabeth Franklin, “wife of Sam^l Franklin,” had daughter Deborah, born 9 April 1837, baptized on 20 August 1837.⁵¹

Samuel Franklin’s 1830 household in the Town of New Paltz includes three “free colored persons” and matches the family unit of Samuel, Elizabeth, and two-year-old Dianna.⁵² Similarly his 1840 household of “free colored persons” included individuals matching Samuel, Elizabeth, and Dianna (now in the 10–23 category), plus three females under age 10 (presumably Nancy, Deborah, and an unidentified girl).⁵³ In both decades Samuel’s entry was surrounded by people known to live in Nelly’s childhood neighborhood.

Samuel Franklin’s marriage to Elizabeth LeFevre occurred four months before the emancipation of all slaves in New York on 4 July 1827.⁵⁴ In legal documents prior to emancipation, most enslaved people were identified by a given name and the name of the owner, for example, “Sam, a slave of Abraham Deyo.” After emancipation, surnames were assumed or chosen, and in many cases the name was that of their former owner. Within a neighborhood, the newly freed might still be identified with that owner and be known both by that surname as well as the chosen one. Although Samuel Franklin used the surname Franklin at his marriage, the person recording the baptism of his daughter Dianna a year later may have known him as Samuel Deyo, a slave of the Deyo family.⁵⁵ No further evidence of an African American named Samuel Deyo of the appropriate age has been found.

⁴⁸ Samuel Franklin-Elizabeth Lefevre marriage, Reformed Church of New Paltz (note 3), “Register of Church Members and Marriages,” Vol. 6, unpaginated, arranged chronologically.

⁴⁹ Diana Deyo baptism, Reformed Church of New Paltz (note 47).

⁵⁰ Nancy Franklin baptism, Reformed Church of New Paltz (note 3), “Baptismal Register of the Ref. Dutch Congregation of New Paltz,” Vol. 7, unpaginated, arranged chronologically.

⁵¹ Deborah Franklin baptism, “Consistorial Record of the Protestant Reformed Dutch Church of New Paltz commencing January 1st A.D. 1832,” Reformed Church of New Paltz (note 3), p. 33. This baptism was missing from the “Baptismal Register of the Ref. Dutch Congregation of New Paltz,” but was found in the “Consistorial Record” instead.

⁵² Samuel Franklin household, 1830 U.S. census, Town of New Paltz, Ulster Co., N.Y., p. 213 (NARA M19, roll 106).

⁵³ Samuel Franklin household, 1840 U.S. census, Town of New Paltz, Ulster Co., N.Y., p. 18 (NARA M704, roll 346).

⁵⁴ *Laws of the State of New York, Passed at the Thirty-Ninth, Fortieth, and Forty-First Sessions of the Legislature Commencing January 1816, and Ending April 1818* (Albany: Webster and Skinners, 1818), pp. 136–44, Chap. 137, “An Act relative to slaves and servants” (30 Mar. 1817).

⁵⁵ This confusion in surnames occurred in at least one other case. The marriage of Thomas Lefevre to Judy Lefevre, persons of color, was recorded two entries after Samuel Lefevre’s. When their son John was baptized, the parents were recorded as John [sic] Jackson and Julia Lefevre; when their daughter Nancy was baptized, her parents were recorded as Thomas Jackson and Julia Jackson.

SAM: A SLAVE OF ABRAHAM DEYO

The emancipation of slaves in New York on 4 July 1827 was the end of a long, gradual process, beginning during the Revolutionary War when the state freed slaves serving the American cause. An act passed in 1785 was the first successful attempt at freeing the slaves, and a 1788 act expanded the process.⁵⁶ The third act in the series, the Gradual Manumission Act of 1799, freed every child born to an enslaved woman after 4 July 1799, on the condition that the child serve as an indentured servant until age 28 for males or age 25 for females. Slaveholders were required to register the birth in the town where it occurred.⁵⁷ The registry of the Town of New Paltz includes the following entry:

1805 May 7. Abraham D Doyo did deliver to me a note in Writing the purport of it was that he had on the twenty first of Oct Last a Male Negro Child born and called his Name Sam.
Recorded by Jacob J Hasbrouck T.C.⁵⁸

Samuel Franklin's census records and death notice are consistent with him being the child "Sam" born in 1804.⁵⁹

Another entry in the New Paltz registry of slave births may be Samuel's wife, Elizabeth LeFevre:

1804 Sept 10 Nathaniel Lefever did deliver to me a Note in writing the purport of it was that he had on the first day of July Last a Negro Female Child Born and called her Name Bat
Recorded by Jacob J Hasbrouck T.C.⁶⁰

No other African American Elizabeth LeFevre, born about 1804, is found in the area. The tick marks indicating the age of an adult female in Samuel Franklin's households in 1830 (age 24–35) and 1840 (age 24–35) are consistent with Bat's birth in 1804, but are not conclusive.⁶¹

Samuel Franklin's 1830 census entry is two lines before that of Daniel A. Deyo.⁶² Daniel was the son of Abraham D. Deyo, the man who registered the

⁵⁶ *Laws of the State of New York, Passed at the Sessions of the Legislature Held in the Years 1777–[1801]*, Volume 2 (Albany: Weed, Parsons and Co, 1886), pp. 120–22, Chap. 68, "An Act concerning a bounty on hemp..." (12 April 1785); pp. 675–79, Chap. 46, "An Act concerning slaves" (22 March 1788)

⁵⁷ *Laws of the State of New York, Passed at the Sessions of the Legislature Held in the Years 1797, 1798, 1799, and 1800, Inclusive* (Albany: Weed, Parsons and Co, 1887), pp. 388–89, Chap. 62, "An Act for the gradual abolition of Slavery" (29 March 1799). If the slaveholder abandoned his right to the services of the child within one year, the overseers of the poor usually bound out the child to the slaveholder and paid an annual stipend for his care, essentially a form of compensated abolition. See Eric J. Roth and Susan Stessin-Cohn, "The New Paltz Register of Slaves (1799–1825)" (typescript, Huguenot Historical Society, New Paltz, 2002), *Hudson River Valley Heritage* (www.hrvh.org/cdm/singleitem/collection/hhs/id/718/rec/39).

⁵⁸ "Sam" [Franklin] entry, Town of New Paltz Register of Slaves (note 28).

⁵⁹ Census records support an 1805 birth, with ages pointing to the 1802–1806 period (see note 59). See his census entries for 1830 (note 52); 1840 (note 53); also Samuel Franklin households: 1850 U.S. census, Town of New Paltz, Ulster Co., N.Y., p. 325A, dw. 1100, fam.1155 (NARA M342, roll 608); 1860 U.S. census, Town of Gardiner, Ulster Co., N.Y., pp. 170–71, dw. 1149, fam. 1239 (NARA M653, roll 871); 1865 N.Y. state census, Town of Gardiner, Ulster Co., N.Y., p. 37, dw. 243, fam. 243; 1870 U.S. census, Town of Gardiner, Ulster Co., N.Y., p. 12 [written], p. 80B [Stamped], dw. 91, fam. 89 (NARA M593, roll 1105); 1875 N.Y. state census, Town of Gardiner, Ulster Co., p. 228, dw. 193, fam. not given. Samuel's death notice indicates a birth year of 1806–1807 (Samuel Franklin death notice, "Died," *New Paltz Independent*, 22 Dec. 1882, p. 2, col. 7). No record of Samuel's death was found in the town records of New Paltz or Marlborough. His death was not found in the N.Y. State Index to Deaths.

⁶⁰ "Bat" [Lefever?] entry, New Paltz Register of Slaves (note 28).

⁶¹ Samuel Franklin households: 1830 U.S. census, Ulster Co., N.Y. (note 52); 1840 U.S. census, Ulster Co., N.Y. (note 53).

⁶² Daniel A. Deyo household, 1830 U.S. census, Town of New Paltz, Ulster Co., N.Y., p. 213 (NARA M19, roll 106).

birth of “Sam” in the slave register.⁶³ Abraham died 14 September 1805.⁶⁴ His widow, Anna Deyo, registered the births of two slave children 4 February 1814:

1814 Febrew 4 Widow Ann Doyo did diliver a Note in Writing the purport of it was that She had a Negro Female Child born of her Wench on the twentieth of July one thousand Eight hundred and Six and Called her Name Rachel Franklin

1814 Febrew 4 Widow Ann Doyo did diliver a Note in writing the purport of it was that She had a Negro Female Child born of her Wench on the thirteenth of August one thousand Eight hundred and Eleven and Called her Name Diana Franklin⁶⁵

Surnames were not generally given in the registry for enslaved children, but Rachel and Diana were identified as Franklins.⁶⁶ Perhaps this was done to distinguish Rachel Franklin from another Rachel (without a surname) whom Mary Brodhead, widow of Charles, registered in 1803.⁶⁷

Although the law required that children of enslaved mothers be registered within a year of their birth, these two children were recorded years later. This may have been due to confusion regarding the ownership of the mother of the two Franklin children. In the 1798 federal tax assessment of the Town of New Paltz, Abraham Deyo was taxed for one slave, a female age 12 to 49, but the owner was recorded as his mother-in-law, Mary Brodhead.⁶⁸ Mary died 7 September 1814,⁶⁹ and this delayed registration may have been an attempt to secure Ann’s inheritance of her mother’s slaves before her mother’s death.

THE SLAVEOWNERS AND A PROBABLE MOTHER FOR “SAM”

Three related families of slaveowners—Brodheads, Jenkins, and Deyos—lived in the area surrounding Jenkinstown, where Samuel Franklin was enumerated in the 1830 through 1850 federal and state censuses,⁷⁰ and where his daughter Diana Franklin lived from at least 1850 through 1870.⁷¹ Jenkinstown began as a lot of 200 acres purchased by Lambert Jenkins in 1793,⁷² and by 1798, the year

⁶³ Daniel Doio baptism, Reformed Church of New Paltz, “Kerke Boek voor de Gemeente te Neuw Paltz Beginnende van’t Yaar onses Heeren Apr 4 1763,” Vol. 3, unpaginated, arranged chronologically (see note 3), in which he was called son of Abram D. Doio and Anne Broadhead.

⁶⁴ J. Wilson Poucher and Byron J. Terwilliger, *Old Gravestones of Ulster County, New York*, Collections of the Ulster County Historical Society, Vol. 1 (Kingston, N.Y.: Ulster County Historical Society, 1931), 29.

⁶⁵ Rachel and Diana entries, New Paltz Register of Slaves (note 28).

⁶⁶ Only one other, John Snow, was recorded with a surname, 17 Apr. 1809 (John Snow entry, New Paltz Register of Slaves [note 28]).

⁶⁷ “Rachel” entry, New Paltz Register of Slaves (note 28).

⁶⁸ Abraham D. Deyo entries, U.S. Direct Tax of 1798, Schedule C (Assessment on Slaves), Town of New Paltz, Ulster Co., N.Y., p. 1, partially alphabetized, digital image, *Hudson River Valley Heritage* (www.hrvh.org/cdm/compoundobject/collection/hhs/id/428/rec/1). The original record is held by Historic Huguenot Street Library, New Paltz. The library has designated the two 1798 property assessments as Schedules A and B, and the slaveholder listing as Schedule C, but those designations are not on the federal forms. Schedule C shows the number of slaves superintended by each person, lists the owners, and indicates the number of slaves ages 12–49 who are subject to tax. For proof of Abraham’s relationship to Mary Brodhead see Abram D. Doio-Anne Broadhead marriage, Reformed Church of New Paltz (note 3), Vol. 3; also Anne Goodwill and Jean Smith, *The Brodhead Family: The Story of Captain Daniel Brodhead, His Wife Ann Tye and Their Descendants*, 7 vols. (Port Ewen, N.Y.: Brodhead Family Association, 1986–1996), 1:71–72, 2:120–29 (entries E-77–E-84).

⁶⁹ Poucher and Terwilliger, *Old Gravestones of Ulster County* (note 64), 188.

⁷⁰ Samuel Franklin households: 1830 U.S. census, Ulster Co., N.Y. (note 52); 1840 U.S. census, Ulster Co., N.Y. (note 53); 1845 N.Y. state census, Town of New Paltz, Ulster Co., N.Y., pp. 12 (a, b, c, and d), fam. 332, original copy held in the archives of Historic Huguenot Street, New Paltz; 1850 U.S. census, Ulster Co. (note 59).

⁷¹ See notes 15, 37, and 45.

⁷² Cornelius Dubois, Junr., executor of the estate of Cornelius Dubois, et al., to Lambert Ginkins, dated 1 June 1793, recorded 21 Oct. 1793, Ulster Co., N.Y., Deeds LL:381–84.

before Lambert died,⁷³ it included a stone house, a barn, a sawmill, a gristmill, and a log dwelling.⁷⁴ In 1799 Lambert's widow, Hannah, paid tax on a house, farm, and mills worth \$4400, and their sons John and James paid the tax in 1800 through 1803.⁷⁵

The land directly south of Lambert Jenkins's property was owned by Charles and Mary (Oliver) Brodhead.⁷⁶ Charles Brodhead died in 1789,⁷⁷ and his widow and family continued to live on the Brodhead farm.⁷⁸ In 1800 Lambert's son John married Charles Brodhead's daughter Mary,⁷⁹ and John Jenkins presumably became a member of the Brodhead household. On 2 November 1801 John Jenkins's brother, James, purchased the Brodhead property from Charles's "heirs and devisees."⁸⁰ A year later James swapped his interest in the Brodhead property for his brother John's share of their father's estate.⁸¹ John's property, formerly the Charles Brodhead farm, would later be passed to his daughters and his son, Charles B. Jenkins,⁸² in whose household Diana Franklin lived from at least 1850 through 1865 (see figure 1).⁸³

Three other children in Charles and Mary (Oliver) Brodhead's family of eight offspring are relevant. Their daughter Anne married Abraham D. Deyo in 1785,⁸⁴ and their two youngest sons, John C. and Richard, neither of whom married, and both of whom stayed in the neighborhood.⁸⁵

The subjects of this article resided with or near several related Brodhead families (see figure 1):

⁷³ Lambert Jenkins was probably buried initially in the graveyard on his farm, but those graves were moved to Modena and Lloyd Cemeteries (Poucher and Terwilliger, *Old Gravestones of Ulster County* [note 64], 65, which lists Lambert Jenkins, died 13 July 1799, aged 52, in Lloyd Cemetery). Lambert Jenkins will, dated 11 July 1799, probated 15 Sept. 1807, Ulster Common Pleas, Record of Wills and Testaments, 1790–1827, pp. 66–69. This will was not recorded in Surrogate's Court will books, but in the Court of Common Pleas. The reason for this is not known, and no further record of this estate was found in this court.

⁷⁴ Lambert Jenkins entries, U.S. Direct Tax of 1798, Town of New Paltz (note 68), pp. 12 (Sch. A), 55 (Sch. B).

⁷⁵ Jenkins entries, New York (State) Comptroller's Office, Tax Assessment Rolls of Real and Personal Estates, 1799–1804, Series No. B0950, Town of New Paltz, Ulster Co., Box 52: folder 10 (1799), folder 22 (1800), folder 34 (1801); Box 53, folder 8 (1802) and folder 20 (1803), New York State Archives, Albany.

⁷⁶ Cornelius Dubois, Junr., executor, to Lambert Ginkins (note 72).

⁷⁷ Brodhead family monument, Modena Rural Cemetery, Modena, N.Y., viewed by author, 27 Mar. 2014, in which one panel reads "Capt. Charles Brodhead, died Feb. 7, 1789 aged 60 years, Mary Oliver, Relict of Capt. Charles Brodhead, died Sept. 7, 1811, aged 74."

⁷⁸ Mary Broadhead household, 1790 U.S. census, Town of New Paltz, Ulster Co., N.Y., p. 99 (NARA M637, roll 6), which included five males (probably her five known sons), two females (Mary and probably her mother) and five slaves. Mary Broadhead household, 1800 U.S. census, Town of Plattekill, Ulster Co., N.Y., p. 254 (NARA M32, roll 21), which included three males (perhaps her sons), two females, one other free person (probably a free black), and either one or six slaves (the right margin has been cut off and the remaining mark could be a 1 or a 6).

⁷⁹ John Jenkins-Mary Brodhead marriage, Reformed Church of New Paltz (note 3), Vol. 3, unpaginated, arranged chronologically. Goodwill and Smith, *The Brodhead Family* (note 68), 1:71–72, 2:120–29 (entries E-77–E-84). Charles Brodhead married Mary Oliver in 8 Jan. 1761 in the Reformed Dutch Church of Kingston (Roswell R. Hoes, *Baptismal and Marriage Registers of the Old Dutch Church of Kingston: Ulster County, New York, 1660–1809* [New York: De Vinne Press, 1891], 619).

⁸⁰ Oliver Broadhead to John Jenkins, deed dated 1 May 1802, recorded 20 July 1820, Ulster Co., N. Y., Deeds 23: 490–91.

⁸¹ James Jenkins to John Jenkins, deed dated 27 May 1802, recorded 20 July 1820, Ulster Co., N.Y., Deeds 23:494–95.

⁸² John Jenkins will (note 25).

⁸³ See notes 15, 37, and 45.

⁸⁴ Abram D. Doio-Anne Broadhead marriage, Reformed Church of New Paltz (note 3), Vol. 3, unpaginated, arranged chronologically.

⁸⁵ Goodwill and Smith, *The Brodhead Family* (note 68), 2:120–29.

- Abraham D. and Anne (Brodhead) Deyo and their son Daniel A. Deyo
- Charles Brodhead, whose property was sold to his son-in-law John Jenkins and later inherited by John's son, Charles B. Jenkins, and daughters (Mary Ann, Rachel, Catherine, and Margaret)
- The widowed Mary (Oliver) Brodhead and her younger unmarried sons, Richard C. and John C. Brodhead

The Brodheads owned several slaves who were informally shared throughout this extended family, as were the children of those slaves. Probate records, which might have identified the slaves by name, have not been found for Charles or Mary Brodhead. Lambert Jenkins did not mention slaves in his will, and his inventory has not been found.⁸⁶ As will be shown below, Abraham D. Deyo's inventory was informative, but still did not provide names.

Following emancipation, African American descendants of those formerly enslaved individuals continued to live in the same neighborhood—often in the same households—and associate with their former owners' descendants. Some of these freed and enslaved individuals living with the Brodhead extended family cannot be identified. However, an analysis of information collected from various sources provides a picture of their existence and also points to a probable mother for Samuel Franklin.

- In 1790 Abraham D. DeYoe was enumerated with three slaves in his household, and the widowed Mary Brodhead with five.⁸⁷
- In the 1798 tax assessment of New Paltz, Abraham D. Deyo was taxed for one female slave between the age of 12 and 49. She was listed as property of his mother-in-law, Mary Brodhead, widow of Charles. Mary was not assessed for slaves, but was taxed for five acres of real estate and a barn.⁸⁸
- In 1800 Abraham D. Deyo's household included four slaves, ages and sex unknown. Mary Brodhead, his mother-in-law, had one slave in her household, and Abraham's brother-in-law John Jenkins had two.⁸⁹
- Abraham D. Deyo registered the birth of a male child named "Sam," born to his slave 21 October 1804, without naming the mother of the child.⁹⁰ This date of birth roughly matches Samuel Franklin's birth information.⁹¹
- That enslaved female was most likely included in the 1806 inventory of Abraham Deyo's estate, which listed "One Negro man and Negro wench," whose combined value was \$250.⁹² Abraham died 12 September 1805, four months after he registered the birth of

⁸⁶ Lambert Jenkins will (note 73).

⁸⁷ Abraham DeYoe and Mary Brodhead households, 1790 U.S. census, Town of New Paltz, Ulster Co., N.Y., p. 256 (NARA M637, roll 6).

⁸⁸ Abraham D. Deyo entries, U.S. Direct Tax of 1798, Town of New Paltz (note 68), p. 1 (Sch. A); also Mary Broadhead entries, p. 2 (Sch. A), p. 26–27 (Sch. B).

⁸⁹ Abraham D. DeYoe and John Jenkins households, 1800 U.S. census, Town of New Paltz, Ulster Co., N.Y., p. 242 (DeYoe), p. 241 (Jenkins); also Mary Broadhead household, 1800 U.S. census, Town of Plattekill, Ulster Co., N.Y., p. 254 (NARA M32, roll 21).

⁹⁰ "Sam" [Franklin] entry, New Paltz Register of Slaves (note 28).

⁹¹ Samuel Franklin death notice (note 61). Census records support an 1805 birth, with ages pointing to the 1802–1806 period (see note 59).

⁹² Abraham Deyo estate inventory, Ulster Co., N.Y., Surrogate's Court, Box 9; digital image, *FamilySearch* (www.familysearch.org).

Sam.⁹³ He left a will, but did not mention slaves. His widow, Anne, died 12 September 1845, leaving a will that did not mention the Franklins.⁹⁴

- Rachel Franklin was born 20 July 1806 to an unnamed enslaved woman owned by Ann Deyo, widow of Abraham, who registered the birth in 1814.⁹⁵
- Diana Franklin was born 13 August 1811 to Ann Deyo's unnamed enslaved woman, and Ann registered this birth in 1814 as well.⁹⁶ The same unnamed woman was likely also mother to Rachel Franklin and to "Sam," who later was known as both Samuel Deyo and Samuel Franklin.
- In 1810 Ann Deyo, widow of Abraham D., was enumerated with two free blacks and four slaves. Her brother-in-law John Jenkins had two free blacks and two slaves in his house, and Richard C. Brodhead—son of Charles and Mary (Oliver) Brodhead, brother to Ann and brother-in-law to John Jenkins—had three free blacks and one slave.⁹⁷
- By 1820 the widowed Ann (Brodhead) Deyo's only son, Daniel A. Deyo,⁹⁸ was head of her household. His census entry does not include a female old enough to be the mother of Samuel, Rachel, and Diana,⁹⁹ but on the same page, there was a female slave age 26–44 enumerated with Richard and John C. Brodhead, Mary Brodhead's youngest unmarried sons. The entry also included a male slave age 14–25, the correct age to be Sam, and a female slave under age 14 (perhaps "Deby" noted below).¹⁰⁰ There was a female slave age 26–44, old enough to be Samuel's mother, and a male under age 14 in John Jenkins's house.¹⁰¹
- Following emancipation, the Richard and John C. Brodhead household in 1830 included a free black woman, age 36–54, and a free female 10–23 (perhaps "Deby").¹⁰² Daniel A. Deyo and John Jenkins had free black persons living in their households; no female was old enough to be Samuel's mother, but there were children who might have been hers. Samuel Franklin was head of a household that year, listed two lines above Daniel A. Deyo.¹⁰³
- The John C. Brodhead household in 1840 again included a black woman age 36–54, and a black female under age 10. John Jenkins had died, but his son Charles's list did not include African Americans. Daniel A. Deyo, by now living in the Town of Newburgh, Orange County, had two free blacks in his listing, both under age 23. Samuel Franklin was again living in his own household.¹⁰⁴

⁹³ Capt. Abraham Deyo marker, Huguenot Graveyard, New Paltz, N.Y., personally read by author, 4 June 2014. "Sam" [Franklin] entry, New Paltz Register of Slaves (note 28).

⁹⁴ Abraham D. Deyo will, Ulster Co., N.Y., Wills D:121–23, Surrogate's Court, Kingston, N.Y. Anne Deyo will, written 2 Jan. 1835, probated 15 Nov. 1850, Ulster Co., N.Y., Wills M:318–21.

⁹⁵ Rachel Franklin entry, New Paltz Register of Slaves (note 28).

⁹⁶ Diana Franklin entry, New Paltz Register of Slaves (note 28).

⁹⁷ Ann Deyo, Richard C. Brodhead, and John Jenkins households, 1810 U.S. census, Town of New Paltz, Ulster Co., N.Y., p. 698 (Ann Deyo); p. 699 (Richard C. Brodhead and John Jenkins) (NARA M252, Roll 37).

⁹⁸ Daniel Doio baptism, Reformed Church of New Paltz (note 63), in which he was called son of Abram D. Doio & Anne Broadhead.

⁹⁹ Daniel A. Deyo household, 1820 U.S. census, Town of New Paltz, Ulster Co., N.Y., p. 68A (NARA M33, roll 76).

¹⁰⁰ John C. and Richard C. Brodhead household, 1820 U.S. census, Town of New Paltz, Ulster Co., N.Y., p. 68A (NARA M33, roll 76).

¹⁰¹ John Jenkins household, 1820 U.S. census, Town of New Paltz, Ulster Co., N.Y., p. 68A (NARA M33, roll 76).

¹⁰² Jn^o C. and R^d Brodhead household, 1830 U.S. census, Town of Plattekill, Ulster Co., N.Y., p. 259 (NARA M19, roll 106).

¹⁰³ Daniel A. Deyo, John Jenkins, and Samuel Franklin households, 1830 U.S. census, Town of New Paltz, Ulster Co., N.Y., pp. 212, 213 (NARA M19, roll 106).

¹⁰⁴ John C. Brodhead household, 1840 U.S. census, Town of Plattekill, Ulster Co., N.Y., p. 63 (NARA M704, roll 346). Charles Jenkins and Samuel Franklin households, 1840 U.S. census, Town of New Paltz, Ulster Co., N.Y., pp. 18, 39 (NARA M704, roll 346); also Daniel A. Deyo household, 1840 U.S. census, Town of Newburgh, Orange Co., N.Y., p. 121.

- In 1850 Nancy Franklin—described as B[lack] and age 63—was in the John C. Brodhead household, along with 35-year-old Deby Franklin.¹⁰⁵ Diana Franklin, B[lack], age 22, was enumerated in the Town of New Paltz with Charles B. Jenkins, and her father, Samuel Franklin, was living nearby.¹⁰⁶
- In 1865 Nancy Franklin was with her daughter Deborah in Newburgh.¹⁰⁷ She was described as black, age 80, born in Ulster County, mother of five children, and married once.¹⁰⁸

Could Nancy Franklin be the mother of Samuel Franklin? The evidence suggests, but does not confirm, that Samuel's mother was passed from Charles and Mary Brodhead to their son-in-law Abraham D. Deyo, and then, as a free woman, she chose to remain with their sons John and Richard Brodhead. The pieces fit, however. A woman of her appropriate age can be traced through the extended Brodhead family for over fifty years. Children thought to be or known to be hers also fit into the extended family over those years and remain associated with these families well into the nineteenth century. She was described as the mother of five children in the 1865 census and four probable children have been identified: Samuel, Diana, Rachel, and Deborah. Other young "free persons of color" appear in these records, one of whom could be the unidentified fifth child. In 1865 she claimed to have married once, and there was a male present in the pre-1850 households who could be her husband.¹⁰⁹ The continuity of the name Franklin is enticing. Until 1840 these African American Franklins were the only people of that surname in Ulster County.¹¹⁰ Naming patterns within this family also support the hypothesis that Nancy was Samuel's mother. Samuel named daughters Diana, Nancy, Rachel, and Deborah, as well as a son Samuel, and these names continued to be passed down through this family.¹¹¹

Researching New York white families prior to 1850 is difficult enough, but the task is compounded when the subjects are transitioning from enslaved to free. As Henry Hoff states in his article on researching African American families,¹¹² the major obstacle is proving genealogical linkage. This family left more records than most African American families during this time period, yet the conclusion must remain qualified. Given the evidence, however, Nancy Franklin was most likely the mother of Samuel, Rachel, Diana, and Deborah Franklin.

(To be continued)

¹⁰⁵ John C. Brodhead household, 1850 U.S. census, Town of Plattekill, Ulster Co., N.Y., p. 327A, dw. 35, fam. 37 [NARA M342, roll 608].

¹⁰⁶ Samuel Franklin household, 1850 U.S. census, Ulster Co., N.Y. (note 59); Dianna Franklin in Charles B. Jenkins household, 1850 U.S. census, Ulster Co., N.Y. (note 45).

¹⁰⁷ John C. Brodhead named "Nancy Franklin and her daughter Deborah" in his 1859 will (John C. Brodhead will, dated 27 Dec. 1858, probated 28 Feb. 1859, Ulster Co. Wills N:645-48).

¹⁰⁸ Nancy Franklin in Deborah A. Franklin household, 1865 N.Y. state census, Town of Newburgh, Elec. Dist. 1, Orange Co., p. 27, dw. 103, fam. 208.

¹⁰⁹ Nancy Franklin in Deborah A. Franklin household, 1865 N.Y. state census, Orange Co. (note 108). See censuses noted above.

¹¹⁰ In 1840 a white James Franklin appeared in the Town of Plattekill (James Franklin household, 1840 U.S. census, Town of Plattekill, Ulster Co., N.Y., p. 72 [NARA M704, roll 346]). Although the ages do not match, he may be the James Franklin, born in England, listed in the 1850 census (James Franklin in Woolsey Ostrander household, 1850 U.S. census, Town of Plattekill, Ulster Co., N.Y., p. 236, dw. 16, fam. 17 [NARA M432, roll 605]).

¹¹¹ See the genealogical summary to follow.

¹¹² Henry B. Hoff, "Researching African American Families in New Netherland and Colonial New York and New Jersey," *RECORD* 136 (2005): 83-95.

SOME ANCESTORS OF NELLY JANE (FRANKLIN) LEFEVRE: AN AFRICAN AMERICAN OF THE MID-HUDSON VALLEY

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(Continued from THE RECORD 145:258)

GENEALOGICAL SUMMARY

1. **NANCY¹ FRANKLIN**, a female slave belonging to Abraham D. Deyo of the Town of New Paltz, Ulster County, was born about 1784–1788.¹¹³ She died after her listing in Newburgh’s 1870 city directory and probably before the 1875 census.¹¹⁴ The paternity of her children is unknown, but the father might have been the “Negro man” mentioned in Abraham Deyo’s estate inventory.¹¹⁵

As discussed in Part 1 of this article, Nancy Franklin was tentatively believed to be the unnamed African American female in tax lists, estate records, and censuses associated with several related families (Deyo, Brodhead, and Jenkins). Nancy was known to be mother of Deborah Franklin, and thought to be the mother of Sam, Diana, and Rachel Franklin. Recent findings support this. A census record pointed to Rachel Schoonmaker as a possible sibling of Deborah Franklin, Nancy’s known daughter. Rachel’s death certificate shows “Nancy Franklin” as her mother. Because Rachel Franklin’s 1806 birth to a female slave of Ann Deyo was registered in the Town of New Paltz slave registry,¹¹⁶ Rachel can be tied positively both to the slave mother in Abraham Deyo’s household and to Nancy Franklin.

Records of Plattekill and New Paltz Methodist Episcopal Circuit for 1842 include “coloured members” Nancy and Deborah Broadhead, who may have been Nancy and Deborah Franklin, and Dinah/Diana Deyo, who may have been Diana Franklin.¹¹⁷ This community has been shown to identify former slaves

* The author thanks Skip Duett, who obtained records in Syracuse, and the staff of the Orange County Clerk’s office, who retrieved the Supreme Court records.

¹¹³ The female slave in Deyo’s household in 1798 was age 12–49, therefore born before 1786 (Abraham D. Deyo entries, U.S. Direct Tax of 1798, Schedule C [Assessment on Slaves], Town of New Paltz, Ulster Co., p. 1, partially alphabetized; see RECORD 145 [2014]: 254n68 for more information). Early censuses (see RECORD 145 [2014]: 257nn100, 101, 102, 104) are consistent with a birth year about 1785–1788, and the first census naming Nancy shows her age as 65 in 1850 (Nancy Franklin in John C. Broadhead household, 1850 U.S. census, Town of Plattekill, Ulster Co., p. 237, dw. 35, fam. 37 [National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) M342, roll 608]).

¹¹⁴ *Carter’s Newburgh City Directory for the Year Ending May 1, 1871* (Newburgh, N.Y.: Charles Jannicky, 1870), 49. Nancy was not found in 1870 or 1875 censuses.

¹¹⁵ Abraham Deyo [*sic*] estate inventory, Ulster Co. Surrogate’s Court, Box 9, loose papers.

¹¹⁶ Rachel Franklin entry, New Paltz Register of Slaves (1799–1825), unpaginated, digital image, *Hudson River Valley Heritage* (www.hrvh.org/cdm/compoundobject/collection/hhs/id/417/rec/2). The original register is held by Historic Huguenot Street Archives, New Paltz. Rachel Schoonmaker death cert., Newburgh, N.Y., 1886, #33,914. No informant was listed on this certificate, but it was likely Deborah Franklin, who lived with Rachel Schoonmaker in Newburgh in 1880 (see below).

¹¹⁷ Kenneth E. Hasbrouck, “Plattekill and New Paltz Methodist Episcopal Circuit: Records for Period of 1842–1867” (typewritten manuscript, 1958), p. 1 (Family History Library microfilm [FHL] 514,680), consisting of transcribed membership lists for several Methodist congregations. “Class No. 1 Plattekill” includes “Names

by their masters' surnames.¹¹⁸ Dinah Franklin's birth was entered in the New Paltz slave register by her owner, Abraham Deyo's widow, Ann (Brodhead) Deyo, possibly causing her to be known as Dinah Deyo.¹¹⁹ Although Nancy and her daughter Deborah were considered property of the Deyos prior to emancipation, they lived in John Brodhead's household from at least 1850 until shortly after his death on 2 January 1859, and probably from 1820 to 1850, as well, perhaps causing the women to be known by that surname.¹²⁰

In 1850 Nancy Franklin and her daughter Deborah were listed with John C. Brodhead in the Town of Plattekill.¹²¹ Nancy was likely with him in 1855 as well, but the 1855 state census for the Town of Plattekill is not extant. Deborah is probably the "Dibby Franklin," age 40, in Newburgh in 1855, listed one entry above Peter and Rachel Schoonmaker (her brother-in-law and sister).¹²²

When John Brodhead—an influential member of the Methodist Church¹²³—died in 1859, he was unmarried and wealthy. He devised \$1,000 to the American Colonization Society, \$1000 to the Methodist Episcopal Church Missionary Society, land for a church parsonage, and one acre from his farm at Modena "where the present burying ground for colored people is located to be Kept and used by the colored people." He left sums ranging from \$30 to \$500 to numerous relatives, friends, children of friends, and various "colored" individuals. Especially noteworthy is his bequest to "Nancy Franklin and her daughter Deborah":

And I hereby charge the [farm in Modena devised to Edward H. Brodhead] with the payment of an annuity of one hundred Dollars annually after my death, to Nancy Franklin & her daughter Deborah equally during their joint lives & the whole thereof to the survivor during her life and if this sum is not sufficient for their support then I charge the payment of such deficiency equally upon the Modena farm, the Nottingham farm and the Hixon Farm, but my Executors alone shall determine what such amount, if any, shall be.¹²⁴

of Coloured Members: Fortune Nottingham, Nancy Broadhead, Dinah Deyo, Betty Depews and Deborah Brodhead." While there do seem to be other African American Dinah Deyos in the area, there are no other Nancy and Deborah Broadheads with whom these women could be confused.

¹¹⁸ See the discussion of this in Part 1 (RECORD 145 [2014]: 251–52).

¹¹⁹ Diana Franklin entry, New Paltz Register of Slaves (note 116).

¹²⁰ Nancy Franklin in John C. Brodhead household, 1850 U.S. census, Ulster Co. (note 113).

¹²¹ John C. Brodhead household, 1850 U.S. census, Ulster Co. (note 113). There is no extant 1845 census for the Town of Plattekill where Nancy Franklin was likely living in the John C. Brodhead household.

¹²² Dibby Franklin household, 1855 N.Y. state census, Newburgh, Election District [Elec. Dist.] 1, Orange Co., p. 20, dw. 126, fam. 190. She was enumerated as white, but had a black family living with her, and Peter and Rachel Schoonmaker (the latter a sister of Deborah Franklin) were in the next household, headed by Delia Ludlow. Delia was also enumerated as white. Yet in 1860 Delia and Debby were both listed as black (Delia Ludlow in Peter Schoonmaker household, 1860 U.S. census, Newburgh, Orange Co., p. 313, dw. 1815, fam. 2462 [NARA M653 Roll 864]; also Debby Franklin household, p. 318, dw. 1841, fam. 2510).

¹²³ In 1855 John C. Brodhead contributed the land to build the West Plattekill Methodist Church (John C. Brodhead to Trustees of the West Plattekill Methodist Episcopal Church, Ulster Co., N.Y., Deeds 92:691).

¹²⁴ John C. Brodhead will, dated 27 Dec. 1858, probated 28 Feb. 1859, Ulster Co. Wills N:645–48. Also see John C. Brodhead estate settlement, probate packet, Box 52, Ulster Co. Surrogate's Court, digital images 427–639, *FamilySearch* (citing FHL 940,832), which includes the original will (images 471–76) and final accounting. Other bequests to African Americans include Joseph Depuy (\$30), Rachel Coon (\$100), Robert Elting (\$50), Jack Deyo and wife (the land where they reside in the Town of Plattekill, to pass to their son Isaac), and Fortune Nottingham and wife (\$25 each per year). The estate provided \$10 for Fortune Nottingham's support on two occasions, including one payment to the Ulster Co. poorhouse after his death. Forton Nottingham of the Town of Plattekill was admitted to the poorhouse on 6 Apr. 1860 for destitution, and died there 12 Apr., aged 92 (Forton Nottingham entry, Ulster Co. Poor House Death List, 1838–1880, p. 16, *Ulster County* [ulstercountyny.gov/sites/default/files/imported-assets/poorhouse/data/Alphabet1838.pdf]).

It is not known whether Nancy or Deborah received their annuities. However, Deborah, described in directories and censuses as a washerwoman, bought land in Newburgh for \$250 in 1877, without a corresponding mortgage. This may have been purchased with money saved from an annuity.¹²⁵ Indeed, there is no record that John's nieces (Mary Ann Jenkins and Margaret [Jenkins] Sloat) received their devised annuities either.¹²⁶

Nancy soon moved from Brodhead's property. Cornelius Terwilleger was paid \$20 on 2 June 1860 by A. D. Deyo, executor of Brodhead's estate, "for service and labor done & performed at the request of the executors . . . in taking charge of the property and in removing Nancy Franklin and Fortune Nottingham and wife."¹²⁷ It is not clear this was Nancy's voluntary move to new housing or a forced removal.

Nancy and Deborah Franklin, the latter a "washer woman," were in Newburgh, Orange County, in 1860 and 1865.¹²⁸ Nancy has not been found in the 1870 census, but was listed in Newburgh directories for 1868, 1869, and 1870.¹²⁹

Children of an unknown father and Nancy¹ Franklin:¹³⁰

2. i. "SAM"/SAMUEL² FRANKLIN/DEYO,¹³¹ born in the Town of New Paltz 4 October 1804; died in Milton, Ulster County, 12 December 1882; married first in the Town of New Paltz 3 March 1827 ELIZABETH LEFEVRE; married second in Guilford, Ulster County, 16 December 1843 PHEBE JOHNSTON.
3. ii. RACHEL² FRANKLIN, born 20 July 1806; died in Newburgh, Orange County, 20 February 1886; married say 1827–1828 PETER SCHOONMAKER.
- iii. DIANA² FRANKLIN, born 13 August 1811, recorded in the New Paltz slave register 4 February 1814 by widow Ann Deyo;¹³² death information is unknown.¹³³

Diana's history is uncertain, and it is possible she died young. No records have been located under the surname Franklin. As noted above, there is reason to believe this Diana Franklin could be called Diana/Dinah Deyo in this culture.

¹²⁵ Ludlow to Franklin, Orange Co. Deeds 278:509–11.

¹²⁶ John C. Brodhead will and estate settlement, probate packet (note 124).

¹²⁷ John C. Brodhead estate settlement, probate packet (note 124), image 449.

¹²⁸ Nancy Franklin in Debby Franklin household, 1860 U.S. census, Orange Co. (note 122); Nancy Franklin in Deborah A. Franklin household, 1865 N.Y. state census, Newburgh, Elec. Dist. 1, Orange Co., p. 27, dw. 103, fam. 209). Nancy has not been found in the 1870 census.

¹²⁹ *Carter's Newburgh City Directory for the year ending May 1, 1869* (Newburgh, N.Y.: Charles Jannicky, 1868), 47; similar titles for (1869), 51; (1870), 49.

¹³⁰ Nancy was described as the mother of five children in 1865 (Nancy Franklin in Deborah A. Franklin household, 1865 N.Y. state census, Orange Co. [note 128]). Deborah was named a daughter of Nancy in John Brodhead's will (note 124). Nancy was named as Rachel Schoonmaker's mother on the latter's death cert. (see below).

¹³¹ See discussion of Sam's identity in Part 1 of this article (RECORD 145 [2014]: 251–52).

¹³² Diana Franklin entry, New Paltz Register of Slaves (note 116).

¹³³ She might be the "old colored woman known as Aunt Dinah," an "invalid for many years," who died before 3 May 1883 in Milton, Town of Marlborough, Ulster Co. ("Marlborough," *Kingston Freeman*, 3 May 1883, p. 2, col. 3). No death cert. was found for her in 1882 or 1883. "Aunt Dinah" may have been the Dianna Deyo with her "niece" Elizabeth in the Town of Marlborough in 1880; Dianna was age 67 and "maimed, crippled, bedridden or otherwise disabled" (Dianna Deyo household, 1880 U.S. census, Town of Marlborough, Ulster Co., Enumeration District [ED] 165, p. 3, dw. 36, fam. 38). Milton and Modena are in adjacent towns (Marlborough and Plattekill) and on the same road. Another Diana Deyo died in Modena, Town of Plattekill, in 1890. "Aunt Dinah Deyo, a well-known colored woman" died prior to 9 Oct. 1890, but she was "aged nearly 100 years," and Diana Franklin would only have been 79 in 1890 ("Modena," *Kingston Daily Chronicle*, 9 Oct. 1890, p. 1, col. 3; her death cert. has not been obtained due to the age discrepancy). This is most likely the Dina Deyo, age 83 and blind, living in the household of her son-in-law John Lynard and daughter Susan, age 59, in the Town of Plattekill in 1880 (1880 U.S. census, Town of Plattekill, Ulster Co., ED 143, p. 50 [verso], dw. 246, fam. 294 [NARA T9, roll 940]). This household was two entries from Andrew Franklin, Nancy Franklin's great-grandson, but with a daughter born in about 1820–1821, this Dina could not be Diana Franklin, born in 1811.

However, there were several African American women named Diana Deyo in the area during this time period, including Nancy's granddaughter Diana, daughter of Samuel, to be discussed below.¹³⁴

One of those women is Diana Deyo in the 1842 list of "colored" Modena Methodist Church members. Her membership in the same church as Nancy and Deborah Brodhead (Diana Franklin's probable mother and sister), suggests a connection, but certainly does not prove it. The "colored" members of that church also included Fortune Nottingham, his wife Hannah, and Betsey Depew/Depews.¹³⁵ These church members (except for Betsey Depew and Diana Deyo) were legatees in John Brodhead's will, as were Nancy and Deborah Franklin. Brodhead also devised property to "Jack Deyo and wife, colored,"¹³⁶ who may be the John Deyo, with wife Diana/Dinah, in the 1850 and 1860 censuses of the Town of Plattekill.¹³⁷ This Diana Deyo may be the church member in the same list as Nancy and Deborah, but if so, later census records and her death in 1890 at nearly 100 years old prove that she was born too early to be Diana Franklin.¹³⁸

In 1850 "Dinor Deyo," age 40, was living in the household of Phebe Young in the Town of Marlborough in 1850.¹³⁹ She might be the same as "Washer Woman" Dinah Deyo, age 50, who was enumerated in 1860 in the Town of Marlborough with five-year-old Elizabeth Depuy, and who were still there in 1870.¹⁴⁰ Censuses in 1875 and 1880 show this Diana and Betsey still together in Marlborough, with Elisabeth Depew called Diana's niece.¹⁴¹

Unfortunately the church member Dinah Deyo, whoever she may be, left no record showing a close association with known descendants of Nancy Franklin. These church members certainly knew each other, but may not be related.

Another Dinah Deyo in the Town of Marlborough in 1850 was born about 1819–1820, and was listed with Ann Deyo, age 76, Harriet William, age 8, and Jane William, age 5.¹⁴² She is probably the same as the Diana Deyo in 1855, age 42, therefore born about 1812–1813, who was living with a "daughter" Harriet, age 13. They were with Hiram Deyo, age 42, and his family (including his wife, Elizabeth), in a dwelling housing a total of twenty-one African Americans, many of them surnamed Deyo. Hiram Deyo, reportedly age 33, his wife, Elisabeth, and four children were listed in 1850 three households from John Broadhead's, where Nancy Franklin was living.¹⁴³

In addition, there were other African American Dianas—surnamed Deyo, Dubois, Lefever, Nottingham, and Schoonmaker—in Ulster County during this period,

¹³⁴ The only women named Diana/Dinah Deyo to be mentioned here will be those of the correct age or in close enough proximity to be considered. There were others with this name.

¹³⁵ See note 117 and associated text. John Brodhead devised \$30 to a Joseph Depuy, but Joseph's relationship, if any, to Betsey is unknown, and nothing further is known about him (John C. Brodhead will [note 124]).

¹³⁶ John C. Brodhead will (note 124).

¹³⁷ Diner/Dinah Deyo in John Deyo households: 1850 U.S. census, Town of Plattekill, Ulster Co., p. 244, dw. 135, fam. 139 (NARA M432, roll 605); 1860 U.S. census, Town of Plattekill, Ulster Co., p. 350, dw. 820, fam. 840 (NARA M630, roll 869).

¹³⁸ Dinah Deyo household, 1870 U.S. census, Town of Plattekill, Ulster Co., p. 76, dw. 154, fam. 158 (NARA M593, roll 1107), in which she was age 70 and blind; Dina Deyo in John P. Lynard household, 1880 U.S. census, Ulster Co. (note 133), in which she was age 83 and blind. See note 133 for her death notice.

¹³⁹ Dinor Deyo in Phebe S. Young household, 1850 U.S. census, Town of Marlborough, Ulster Co., p. 266 [*recto* and *verso*], dw. 99, fam. 110 (NARA M432, roll 605).

¹⁴⁰ Diana Deyo households: 1860 U.S. census, Milton P.O., Town of Marlborough, Ulster Co., p. 215, dw. 1562, fam. 1662 (NARA M653, roll 870); 1870 U.S. census, Modena P.O., Town of Marlborough, Ulster Co., p. 24, dw. 178, fam. 205 (NARA M593, roll 1106). She was not found in 1865. It is possible this 5-year-old Elizabeth Depuy was related to the Betsey Depew, who had last appeared in the list of church members (with Dinah Deyo) in 1850 (Hasbrouck, "Plattekill and New Paltz Methodist Episcopal Circuit" [note 117]).

¹⁴¹ Dianna Deyoe household, 1875 N.Y. state census, Town of Marlborough, Elec. Dist. 2, Ulster Co., p. 22, dw. 119, fam 220; Dianna Deyo household, 1880 U.S. census, Ulster Co. (note 133).

¹⁴² Dinah Deyo in Ann Deyo household, 1850 U.S. census, Town of Marlborough, Ulster Co., p. 265, dw. 81, fam. 88 (NARA M432, roll 605).

¹⁴³ Diana Deyo household, 1855 N.Y. state census, Town of Marlborough, Ulster Co., unpaginated, dw. 119, fam. 147. Hiram Deyo household, 1850 U.S. census, Town of Plattekill, Ulster Co., p. 237, dw. 32, fam. 34 (NARA M432, roll 605).

none of whom can be connected positively with Diana Franklin born in 1811. Diana Franklin's fate remains uncertain.

- iv. DEBORAH² FRANKLIN/DEYO, born about 1814–1815;¹⁴⁴ died after the 1880 census was taken and probably before the 1884 Newburgh city directory was compiled, probably in Newburgh;¹⁴⁵ never married.¹⁴⁶

She was likely the “Deborah Brodhead” who was a member of the Methodist Episcopal churches of the Town of Plattekill from 1842 until 1852.¹⁴⁷ “Debby” Franklin, age 35, was with John C. Broadhead in 1850, but by 1855 “Dibby Franklin,” age 40, was in Newburgh, one entry above Peter and Rachel Schoonmaker (her brother-in-law and sister). In 1860 Debby was a washerwoman in Newburgh, and was still there in 1865.¹⁴⁸ Debby A. Franklin was boarding at “Wash’n n Mill” [Washington and Mill] in 1870, the same address given for her mother (Nancy Franklin) and brother-in-law (Peter Schoonmaker).¹⁴⁹ Deborah was listed in Newburgh directories from 1868 to 1875,¹⁵⁰ and was a laundress there in 1875.¹⁵¹ In April 1877 she bought lot 211 in Newburgh for \$250 from John and Susan Ludlow.¹⁵² In 1880 Deborah, still single, was living with her sister, Rachel Schoonmaker.¹⁵³ Deborah had no known issue.

- v. UNKNOWN CHILD² FRANKLIN. Nancy was reported as the mother of five children,¹⁵⁴ but the fifth child has not been identified and may not have survived childhood.

2. SAMUEL² FRANKLIN/DEYO (Nancy¹ Franklin) was born in the Town of New Paltz 4 October 1804, and recorded in the New Paltz slave register on 7 May 1805 by Abraham D. Deyo.¹⁵⁵ Samuel died in Milton, Ulster County, 12 December 1882, and was buried in New Paltz Rural Cemetery.¹⁵⁶ He married first in the Reformed Dutch Church, New Paltz, 3 March 1827 ELIZABETH LEFEVRE,¹⁵⁷ who was born about 1804–1806.¹⁵⁸ She may be the female named “Bat,” born 1 July 1804 and registered 10 September 1804 by Nathaniel LeFevre in the New

¹⁴⁴ Debby Franklin in John C. Broadhead household, 1850 U.S. census, Ulster Co. (note 113). Her birth year was reported in later censuses as 1819–1820, but the earlier census is more likely to be accurate. She was likely born in the Town of Plattekill, but the slave register for the town ends in 1807.

¹⁴⁵ Deborah Franklin in Rachel Schoonmaker household, 1880 U.S. census, Newburgh, Orange Co., ED 31, p. 38B, dw. 275, fam. 408; *Carter's Newburgh City Directory for 1884* (Newburgh, N.Y.: L. P. Waite & Co., 1884). Her death cert. has not been found.

¹⁴⁶ Deborah was still called single in the 1880 census (note 145).

¹⁴⁷ Hasbrouck, “Plattekill and New Paltz Methodist Episcopal Circuit” (note 117), pp. 1, 20, 30, 35.

¹⁴⁸ Debby Franklin in John C. Broadhead household, 1850 U.S. census, Ulster Co. (note 113). Dibby Franklin household, 1855 N.Y. state census, Orange Co. (note 122). Debby/Deborah Franklin households: 1860 U.S. census, Orange Co.; 1865 N.Y. state census, Orange Co. (both note 113).

¹⁴⁹ *Carter's Newburgh City Directory for the Year Ending May 1, 1871* (note 114), 49, 113.

¹⁵⁰ *Newburgh City Directory for year ending May 1, 1868* (Newburgh, N.Y.: E.M. Buittenber, 1867), 39; similar title, Charles Jannicky, publisher (1869), 51; similar title, Edmund Carter, publisher (1873), 49; similar title and publisher (1873), 57; (1874), 58; (1876), 104.

¹⁵¹ Debora A. Franklin household, 1875 N.Y. state census, Newburgh, Elec. Dist. 2, Orange Co., p. 45, dw. 288, fam. 451.

¹⁵² Ludlow to Franklin, Orange Co. Deeds 278:509–11. No corresponding mortgage was found.

¹⁵³ Debby Franklin household, 1860 U.S. census, Orange Co. (note 128). Debora A. Franklin household, 1875 N.Y. state census, Orange Co. (note 151). Deborah Franklin in Rachel Schoonmaker household, 1880 U.S. census, Orange Co. (note 145).

¹⁵⁴ See note 130.

¹⁵⁵ “Sam” [Franklin] entry, Town of New Paltz Register of Slaves, (note 116).

¹⁵⁶ Samuel Franklin death notice, “Ardonia Items,” *New Paltz Times*, 20 Dec. 1882, p. 3, col. 5 (“A large number of people passed thro’ this place to attend the funeral of an old colored man named Samuel Franklin who died in Milton last week. Interment at New Paltz Rural Cemetery.”). “Died,” *New Paltz Independent*, 22 Dec. 1882, p. 2, col. 7). No death cert. has been found for Samuel.

¹⁵⁷ Samuel Franklin-Elizabeth Lefevre marriage, Reformed Church of New Paltz, “Register of Church Members and Marriages,” Vol. 6, unpaginated, arranged chronologically. See Part 1 for more information about this source (RECORD 145 [2014]: 245n3).

¹⁵⁸ Her age in censuses of 1830 [24–35] and 1840 [24–35], cited below, suggests a birth year of 1804–1806.

Paltz slave register.¹⁵⁹ Samuel Franklin of Gardiner married second at the Reformed Dutch Church of Guilford (now in the Town of Gardiner), 16 December 1843 **PHEBE JOHNSTON**, of Hampton, Orange County.¹⁶⁰ Phebe was born about 1820–1821¹⁶¹ and probably died after 7 October 1886.¹⁶²

In 1830 Samuel Franklin was in New Paltz in a household of three free colored persons, a male age 10–23, a female 24–35, and a female under age 10. Two entries following Samuel is the household of Daniel A. Deyo, son of Abraham D. Deyo, the man who registered Sam’s birth in the slave register.¹⁶³

The family changed churches in 1837, when the Reformed Church of New Paltz dismissed Elisabeth Franklin, wife of Samuel Franklin, to the Reformed Dutch Church of Guilford.¹⁶⁴ The family appears to have moved to Guilford, still in the Town of New Paltz.¹⁶⁵ In 1837 Samuel Franklin had two school-aged children in the Kettleboro School District.¹⁶⁶ In 1843 he was assessed 18 cents and 65 cents for school expenses.¹⁶⁷

Samuel’s 1845 household included four males and four females, “colored” persons not subject to tax. Three females were age 16–45: one was married and two unmarried (probably daughters Diana and Nancy, although the latter was 15). There was one unmarried female under 16 (probably daughter Deborah). Two males were born in the preceding year. The males likely included the elder Samuel and sons William Henry and Samuel Jr., who was born in 1844. The remaining male may have been a twin to Samuel Jr. or a son born to an unmarried female. None of the children attended school; no one was eligible to vote. The family owned two cows and seven hogs, and farmed ninety acres, producing eighteen yards of linen, fifty bushels of potatoes, and 200 lbs. of butter.¹⁶⁸

In 1850 Samuel, a laborer, was in the Town of New Paltz. Neither Samuel nor his wife, Phebe, could read or write, but their sons Samuel and William were attending school.¹⁶⁹ In 1855 the family was in Newburgh, Orange County, in a frame house worth \$400. Samuel was a farmer, but not a land owner. The

¹⁵⁹ “Bat” [Lefever?] entry, New Paltz Register of Slaves (note 116).

¹⁶⁰ Samuel Franklin–Phebe Johnson marriage, “Guilford Church Records—April 1834,” Guilford Reformed Dutch Church, Gardiner, Ulster Co., p. 403, original held at the Historic Huguenot Street Archives, New Paltz. The enumerator of the 1865 Town of Gardiner census recorded maiden names for each wife, including “Phoebe Jonson,” born in Orange Co. (Samuel Franklin household, 1865 N.Y. state census, Town of Gardiner, Ulster Co., p. 37, dw. 243, fam. 243).

¹⁶¹ Her ages as listed in the censuses of 1855 (35), 1860 (40), 1865 (45), and 1870 (50), cited below, suggest a birth year of 1820–1821.

¹⁶² See note 173 below.

¹⁶³ Samuel Franklin and Daniel A. Deyo households, 1830 U.S. census, Town of New Paltz, Ulster Co., p. 213 (NARA M19, roll 106).

¹⁶⁴ Elisabeth Franklin dismissal, “Consistorial Record of the Protestant Reformed Dutch Church of New Paltz commencing January 1st A.D. 1832,” Reformed Church of New Paltz (note 157), p. 33.

¹⁶⁵ Samuel Franklin household, 1840 U.S. census, Town of New Paltz, Ulster Co., p. 18.

¹⁶⁶ Kettleboro School District, Minutes and Reports, “School Report, January 1st, 1837,” unpaginated (manuscript, Historic Huguenot Street Archives, New Paltz). The report contains a list of heads of households and the number of children between the ages of 5 and 16.

¹⁶⁷ Kettleboro School District, Minutes and Reports (note 166), “List of Taxes apportioned by the Trustees of District 13.” The tax was assessed based on real estate and personal property, but Samuel’s assessment was based only on personal property.

¹⁶⁸ Samuel Franklin household, 1845 N.Y. state census, Town of New Paltz, Ulster Co., pp. 12a, 12b, 12c, and 12d, fam. 332, original copy held at Historic Huguenot Street Archives, New Paltz.

¹⁶⁹ Samuel Franklin household, 1850 U.S. census, Town of New Paltz, Ulster Co., p. 325, dw. 1100, fam. 1155 (NARA M432, roll 608).

residence likely belonged to Daniel A. Deyo, who had had a close association with Samuel in Ulster County, and who was enumerated as the head of the preceding household in Newburgh.¹⁷⁰

Samuel Franklin returned to Gardiner by 1860, and remained there through 1875. His large family lived in a modest frame dwelling worth \$100. He and his sons were farm laborers, the older daughters were domestic servants, and the younger daughters attended school.¹⁷¹ Samuel and Phebe were not found in 1880, even though Samuel died two years later in Milton,¹⁷² and Phebe was still living when Alexander Barclay sued her in October of 1886.¹⁷³

Children of Samuel² and Elizabeth (LeFevre) Franklin:¹⁷⁴

4. i. DIANA³ FRANKLIN was born in the Town of New Paltz 3 January 1828; living in 1881, died probably before 30 June 1884, certainly before 7 October 1886; married first an unknown husband; married second in the Town of New Paltz 12 December 1859 ROBERT DEYO; probably married third in Ulster County before 1870 FORTUNATAS DUBOIS.
5. ii. NANCY³ FRANKLIN, born 17 September 1830; died in the Town of Gardiner in May 1895; married in New Hurley, Ulster County, 26 June 1849 AARON JOHNSON.
- iii. [POSSIBLE DAUGHTER]³ FRANKLIN, born between 1830 and 1840;¹⁷⁵ no further information.
- iv. DEBORAH³ FRANKLIN, born 9 April 1837, baptized in New Paltz 16 August 1837, daughter of Samuel Deyo and Elizabeth LeFevre (persons of color);¹⁷⁶ died perhaps before 1850; she was not found in the 1850 or subsequent censuses.
6. v. WILLIAM HENRY³ FRANKLIN, born about 1839–1840; drowned in the Erie Canal in Syracuse about 20 October 1898; married in the Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, Syracuse, 20 November 1872 HANNAH A. KEENE.

¹⁷⁰ Samuel Franklin household, 1855 N.Y. state census, Newburgh, Orange Co., Elec. Dist. 3, unpaginated, dw. 114, fam. 140; also Daniel A. Deyo household, dw. 113, fam. 139.

¹⁷¹ Samuel Franklin households: 1860 U.S. census, Town of Gardiner, Ulster Co., pp. 170–71, dw. 1149, fam. 1239 (NARA M653, roll 871); 1865 N.Y. state census, Town of Gardiner, Ulster Co., p. 37, dw. 243, fam. 243; 1870 U.S. census, Town of Gardiner, Ulster Co., p. 12–13, dw. 91, fam. 89 (NARA M593, roll 1105); 1875 N.Y. state census, Town of Gardiner, Ulster Co., p. 228 dw. 193, [fam. not given]. The 1875 census describes their dwelling as frame construction worth \$100.

¹⁷² Samuel Franklin death notice (note 156).

¹⁷³ Alexander Barclay vs. Phebe A. Franklin et al., Orange Co. Supreme Court Minutes, Book 15 (1885–1886), p. 226, Orange Co. Clerk's office, Goshen. Also, Barclay vs. Franklin, et al., legal notice, *The Newburgh Register*, 10 Dec. 1886, p. 4, col. 1, dated 7 Oct. 1886. Efforts to obtain further information regarding this case have failed. Boxes 2535, 2536, and 2537 of court records were retrieved from archival storage and searched in the Records Room, Orange County Clerk's Office, Goshen, without success. The Supreme Court Minutes classified the suit as "Lis Pendens" implying a real estate transaction was involved. No land transfer or mortgage between any of these individuals (including those deceased) and Barclay has been located.

¹⁷⁴ The suit Barclay vs. Franklin appears to list all the heirs of Samuel Franklin except two known omissions (William Henry Franklin and Mary Oliver, wife of Arthur T. Oliver) and two whose relationship is unclear (Isabel Schoonmaker and Michael Donahue). Heirs listed include Samuel's wife, Phebe A. Franklin; Harriet L. Deyo and David Deyo, her husband; Samuel Franklin; Francis J. Franklin; Lydia J. Lefevre and Abram Lefevre, her husband; Rachel A. Mavin and Robert W. Mavin, her husband; William Oliver [widower of Sarah Franklin] and Phebe Oliver [their daughter]; Nancy Johnson; Ann Whitney and Charles Whitney, her husband; Nellie Lefevre and John Lefevre, her husband; Jacob Green and Mary [sic], his wife; Andrew Green and Charlotte, his wife; and Samuel Green and Ida, his wife.

¹⁷⁵ Samuel Franklin household, 1840 U.S. census, Ulster Co. (note 165), which housed six free colored persons: a male 24–35 (Samuel), three females under age 10 (Nancy, Deborah, and [-?-]), one female 10–23 (Diana), and one female 24–35 (Elizabeth).

¹⁷⁶ Kenneth E. Hasbrouck, transcriber, and Jean D. Worden, indexer, *New Paltz Reformed Dutch Church, New Paltz, New York, 1817–1882; New Paltz and Plattekill Methodist Episcopal Circuit, 1842–1867; Shokan Reformed Dutch Church, Olive, Ulster County, New York, 1799–1892; Death Notices from Kingston, New Paltz, and Poughkeepsie Newspapers, 1865–1895; Quaker Records from Plains Monthly Meeting, Ulster County, N.Y., 1787–1864* (Franklin, Ohio: privately published, 1987), 46. A transcription was used because six pages, recording baptisms from 1831 to 1844, were cut from the original record book and are missing.

Children of Samuel and Phebe (Johnston) Franklin, all born in the Town of Gardiner, Ulster County, except Rachel, who was born in Newburgh:¹⁷⁷

- vi. SAMUEL³ FRANKLIN, born 1843–1844.¹⁷⁸ Samuel, a farm laborer, was in his parents' household in the Town of Gardiner in 1870.¹⁷⁹ He was not located in the 1875 state census or the 1880 federal census, but he was presumably still living in 1886 when Alexander Barclay filed his lawsuit.¹⁸⁰ No further information.
- vii. [POSSIBLE SON]³ FRANKLIN, born 1843–1844. The 1845 census shows four males in the Samuel Franklin household, two born in year preceding that census.¹⁸¹
- 7. viii. LYDIA/LIDA JANE³ FRANKLIN, born 11 January 1847; died in Saratoga Springs 28 March 1922; married in the Reformed Dutch Church of New Paltz 29 March 1871 ABRAM LEFEVER.
- ix. FRANCIS J.³ FRANKLIN, born in 1850;¹⁸² death unknown. He was probably the Francis J. Franklin listed as a waiter in the Syracuse Directory in 1874,¹⁸³ and who was Francis Franklin, mulatto, age 25, born in Ulster County, working as a waiter in Syracuse in 1875.¹⁸⁴ No Francis/Frank Franklin has been found in 1880.

In the 1886 court action, Francis and Andrew Franklin could not be served, and their residences were unknown.¹⁸⁵ He may be the Francis Franklin listed as a mason helper in the 1900 city directory of Auburn, New York.¹⁸⁶
- 8. x. RACHEL³ FRANKLIN, born in Newburgh in May 1855; died in New Paltz 14 April 1940; married in the Reformed Dutch Church of Guilford, Town of Gardiner, 24 December 1874 ROBERT WILLIAM MAVEN.
- 9. xi. HARRIET L.³ FRANKLIN, born about 1857–1858; died in Saratoga Springs 26 June 1936; married about 1883 (first-known child) DAVID DEYO; married second after the 1892 census and before 1897 (first-known child) GEORGE J. JOHNSON.
- xii. SARAH/SUSAN C.³ FRANKLIN, born about 1860–1862,¹⁸⁷ died probably before 7 October 1886;¹⁸⁸ married “at the home of the Bride’s father’s before a mixed company,” 29 November 1879 WILLIAM G. OLIVER,¹⁸⁹ born in the Town of Greenfield, Saratoga County,¹⁹⁰ 19 June 1857 (calculated), died at Saratoga Hospital, Saratoga Springs, 10 June 1920, aged 62 years, 11 months, and 21 days, and was buried in North Milton Cemetery, North Milton, Saratoga County 13 June.¹⁹¹ William was

¹⁷⁷ According to the 1865 census, Phoebe was the mother of nine children (1865 N.Y. state census, Ulster Co. [note 171]), but only eight have been identified.

¹⁷⁸ His age as listed in the censuses of 1850 through 1870 suggests a birth year of about 1843–1844.

¹⁷⁹ Samuel Franklin household, 1870 U.S. census, Ulster Co. (note 171).

¹⁸⁰ Barclay vs. Franklin, et al., legal notice, *The Newburgh Register* (note 173).

¹⁸¹ Samuel Franklin household, 1845 N.Y. state census, Ulster Co. (note 168).

¹⁸² He was two months old in the 1850 census (Samuel Franklin household, 1850 U.S. census, Ulster Co. [note 169]).

¹⁸³ *Boyd's Syracuse City Directory 1874–1875* (Syracuse, N.Y.: Andrew Boyd, 1874), 164.

¹⁸⁴ Francis Franklin in Susan Jordan household, 1875 N.Y. state census, Syracuse, Ward 8, Onondaga Co., Elec. Dist. 2, p. 32, dw. 279, fam. 332.

¹⁸⁵ Barclay vs. Franklin, et al., legal notice, *The Newburgh Register* (note 173).

¹⁸⁶ *Auburn Directory and Real Estate Record Ending 1900* (Auburn, N.Y.: Alonzo Lamey, 1900), [inserted between pp. 320 and 321]. Francis was not enumerated in the 1900 census of Auburn.

¹⁸⁷ She was age 18 when she married (William G. Oliver-Susan C. Franklin marriage, “Record of the Methodist Episcopal Church,” unpaginated, Memorial United Methodist Church Archives, Modena). Her age in 1870 and 1880 suggests a birth year of 1860–1862 (Samuel Franklin household, 1870 U.S. census, Ulster Co. [note 171]; William Oliver household, 1880 U.S. census, Town of Gardiner, Ulster Co., ED 119, p. 12, dw. 108, fam. 117).

¹⁸⁸ Sarah was not listed in the lawsuit against her siblings and her step-mother, but her husband and daughter were (Barclay vs. Franklin, et al., legal notice, *The Newburgh Register* [note 173]). She might have been buried in New Paltz Rural Cemetery, but actual gravestones do not exist on this plat (cemetery visited by the author in 2014). No other record of her death was found.

¹⁸⁹ William G. Oliver-Susan C. Franklin marriage (note 187), which includes the marriage of “a colored couple,” William G. Oliver, 22, of Marlborough, and Susan C. Franklin, 18, of Clintondale.

¹⁹⁰ See note 192 below.

¹⁹¹ William G. Oliver obituary, *The Saratogian* (Saratoga Springs), 11 June 1920, p. 5, col. 4. William G. Oliver funeral notice, *The Saratogian*, 14 June 1920, p. 5, col. 5. Abram LeFever, his late wife’s brother-in-law, was one of the pallbearers.

a son of Charles Alfred and Sarah A. (Grant) Oliver and a brother of Arthur T. Oliver,¹⁹² who married Sarah's sister Mary (see below). William married second (or third)¹⁹³ before the 1905 census, Louise M. [–?–], born about 1854–1855.¹⁹⁴

In 1880 William was a farm laborer in Ulster County, and Sarah was the new mother of John, born in April.¹⁹⁵ William G. Oliver joined his brother Arthur in Saratoga Springs about 1888, but apparently only for one year.¹⁹⁶ The family was not found in the 1892 census. William returned to Saratoga Springs in 1895 and remained there the rest of his life.¹⁹⁷ In 1900 William was enumerated there as a widower, with his 19-year-old daughter, Phoebe. William and Louise were enumerated at 85 Spring Street in Saratoga Springs in 1905 and 1910, and after the name of the street was changed, at 85 High Rock Road in 1915 and 1920.¹⁹⁸

Children of William G. and Sarah C.³ (Franklin) Oliver:

- a. JOHN⁴ OLIVER, born in April 1880,¹⁹⁹ died probably young.²⁰⁰
- b. PHOEBE⁴ OLIVER, born in February 1881; died after 11 June 1920. Phoebe, a nurse, was with her widowed father in Saratoga Springs in 1900,²⁰¹ and was still there in 1905, working as a servant in the home of Ella C. Titus.²⁰² Phoebe has not been located in subsequent censuses, despite being named as William's surviving child in his 1920 obituary. She was said to be living in Schenectady.²⁰³ She likely died before 13 January 1931.²⁰⁴
- xiii. MARY S.³ FRANKLIN, born in Ulster County 28 September 1864; died in Saratoga Springs 21 November 1939, buried in North Milton Cemetery, North Milton, Saratoga County; married about 1883–1884 ARTHUR T. OLIVER,²⁰⁵ who was born

¹⁹² William G. Oliver obituary (note 191), which lists three brothers as his survivors: Charles Oliver of Albany and Arthur and Daniel Oliver of Saratoga. The marriage license of the brother Charles A. Oliver gives his birthplace as Greenfield, Saratoga Co., and his parents as Alfred and Sarah (Grant) Oliver (Charles A. Oliver-Anna S. Bell marriage record, Saratoga Co., 1911, #1213). He was called "brother" in Arthur's 1910 census (Arthur Oliver household, 1910 U.S. census, Saratoga Springs, Saratoga Co., ED 128, sheet 3B, dw. 60, fam. 87 [NARA T624, roll 1076]). He lived with or near both brothers in Saratoga Springs from 1892 through 1915 (William H. Kirwin, comp., *Kirwin's Saratoga Springs Directory, 1892* [Saratoga Springs: Kirwin & Co., 1892], 224; *Directory of Saratoga Springs . . . 1915* [Saratoga Springs: The Saratogian Co., 1895], 206). A census survey of Charles A./Alfred and Sarah A. Oliver shows William G., Charles A., and Arthur T. Oliver as children in the household (Charles A. Oliver household, 1860 U.S. census, Town of Greenfield, Saratoga Co., p. 60, dw. 515, fam. 511 [NARA M653, roll 856]; Alfred Oliver household, 1865 N.Y. state census, Town of Greenfield, Saratoga Co., p. 1, dw. 4, fam. 4; Charles A. Oliver household, 1870 U.S. census, Town of Greenfield, Saratoga Co., p. 64, dw. 538, fam. 582 [NARA M593, roll 1088]). William was with his parents in 1860, but in 1865 and 1870 he was living with his grandparents, William and Julia A. Grant in Saratoga County (Wm. G. Oliver in William Grant household, 1865 N.Y. state census, Town of Greenfield, Saratoga Co., p. 31, dw. 214, fam. 214; William Oliver in Julia A. Grant household, 1870 U.S. census, Town of Milton, Saratoga Co., p. 71, dw. 538, fam. 629 [NARA M593, roll 1088]). William Oliver household, 1880 U.S. census, Ulster Co. (note 187).

¹⁹³ Reportedly William was married three times (William G. Oliver household, 1910 U.S. census, Saratoga Springs, Ward 2, Saratoga Co., ED 128, sheet 4B, dw. 92, fam. 113 [NARA T624, roll 1076]).

¹⁹⁴ William G. Oliver household, 1905 N.Y. state census, Saratoga Springs, Saratoga Co., Elec. Dist. 4, p. 4.

¹⁹⁵ William Oliver household, 1880 U.S. census, Ulster Co. (note 187).

¹⁹⁶ William H. Kirwin, *Kirwin's Saratoga Springs Directory, 1888* (Saratoga Springs: Kirwin & Co., 1888), 225.

¹⁹⁷ *Directory of Saratoga Springs . . . 1895* (Saratoga Springs: The Saratogian Co., 1895), 292. William G. Oliver obituary (note 191).

¹⁹⁸ William/William G. Oliver households: 1900 U.S. census, Saratoga Springs, Ward 2, Saratoga Co., ED 129, sheet 6B, dw. 128, fam. 159 (NARA T623, roll 1159); 1905 N.Y. state census, Saratoga Co. (note 194); 1910 U.S. census, Saratoga Co. (note 193); 1915 N.Y. state census, Saratoga Springs, Saratoga Co., Elec. Dist. 4, p. 6; 1920 U.S. census, Saratoga Springs, Saratoga Co., ED 138, sheet 1A, [dw. not given], fam. 26 (NARA T625, roll 1261).

¹⁹⁹ William Oliver household, 1880 U.S. census, Ulster Co. (note 187).

²⁰⁰ If Phoebe was indeed born in Feb. 1881, John likely died as an infant.

²⁰¹ William Oliver household, 1900 U.S. census, Saratoga Co. (note 198). William G. Oliver obituary (note 191).

²⁰² Phoebe Olliver in Ella C. Titus household, 1905 N.Y. state census, Saratoga Springs, Ward 4, Saratoga Co., p. 16.

²⁰³ William G. Oliver obituary (note 191).

²⁰⁴ She was not named as a survivor of her uncle Daniel S. Oliver, yet her cousins Anna and Edith were (Daniel S. Oliver obituary, *The Saratogian* [Saratoga Springs], 13 Jan. 1931, p. 2 col. 2).

²⁰⁵ Mrs. Mary S. Oliver obituary, *The Saratogian* (Saratoga Springs), 22 Nov. 1939, p. 2 col. 1, "sister of Rachel Maven of Kingston." They had been married sixteen years according to the 1900 census (Arthur L.

in New York 22 February 1863,²⁰⁶ died in Saratoga County in 1947,²⁰⁷ son of Charles Alfred and Sarah A. (Grant) Oliver.²⁰⁸

Arthur and Mary were in Saratoga Springs by 1892, when they were listed next to an unidentified Albert and Catherine Franklin. Both men were working as laborers.²⁰⁹ In 1900 Arthur and Mary were listed next to her sister Lydia Lefever and her children; Arthur's occupation was driver.²¹⁰ In 1905 Arthur was a day laborer, his wife, "Annie" [*sic*, Mary], and daughter Annie were laundresses. Arthur's brother Charles was living with them in 1910; both men worked as teamsters. In 1915 Oliver was a teamster, Mary was a housekeeper, and both daughters were working as laundresses. Both daughters were single and living with Arthur and Mary in 1925.²¹¹ Mary was a member of the A.M.E. Zion Church.²¹²

Children of Arthur T. and Mary S.³ (Franklin) Oliver:²¹³

- a. ANNA/JULIA A.⁴ OLIVER, born in June 1885; died at Saratoga Hospital 21 January 1964, buried in North Milton Cemetery.²¹⁴ Never married. She was called Annie in the 1892 and 1905 censuses. She was attending school in 1900 and working as a laundress in 1905, 1910, 1915, and 1925, living with her parents. Anna and her sister, Edith, inherited their uncle Daniel Oliver's estate after his death 13 January 1931.²¹⁵ Annie was an active member of the A.M.E. Zion Church.²¹⁶
- b. EDITH M.⁴ OLIVER, born in Saratoga Springs in August 1892; died in Saratoga Springs 9 September 1965, buried in North Milton Cemetery 13 September. Never married. She was an active member of the A.M.E. Zion Church, Saratoga Springs.²¹⁷ She was attending school in 1900, 1905, and 1910, and working as a laundress in 1915 and 1925, living with her parents.

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Oliver household, 1900 U.S. census, Saratoga Springs, Ward 3, Saratoga Co., ED 130, sheet 5A–B, dw. 75, fam. 100 [NARA T623, roll 1159]. Mary Franklin Oliver marker, North Milton Cemetery, North Milton, Saratoga Co., digital image, memorial #19,614,476, *Find A Grave* (www.findagrave.com).

²⁰⁶ Arthur turned 83 on 22 Feb. 1946 ("Party Honors Arthur Oliver," *The Saratogian* [Saratoga Springs], 27 Apr. 1946, p. 2, col. 2). Arthur L. Oliver household, 1900 U.S. census, Saratoga Co. (note 205).

²⁰⁷ Arthur T. Oliver marker, North Milton Cemetery, North Milton, Saratoga Co., digital image, memorial #19,606,965, *Find A Grave* (www.findagrave.com). No obituary has been located for Arthur and his death certificate has not been examined.

²⁰⁸ See note 192.

²⁰⁹ Arthur Oliver and Albert Franklin households, 1892 N.Y. state census, Saratoga Springs, Saratoga Co., Elec. Dist. 7, p. 11.

²¹⁰ Arthur L. Oliver and Lydia Lefever households, 1900 U.S. census, Saratoga Co. (note 205).

²¹¹ Arthur Oliver households: 1905 N.Y. state census, Saratoga Springs, Saratoga Co., Elec. Dist. 10, p. 18; 1910 U.S. census, Saratoga Co. (note 192); 1915 N.Y. state census, Saratoga Springs, Saratoga Co., Elec. Dist. 4, p. 7; 1925 N.Y. state census, Saratoga Springs, Saratoga Co., Elec. Dist. 4, p. 11.

²¹² Mrs. Mary S. Oliver obituary (note 205).

²¹³ Mary was mother of eight children, two living (1900 census [note 205]). Arthur Oliver households: 1892 N.Y. state census, Saratoga Co. (note 209); 1900 U.S. census, Saratoga Co. (note 205); 1905 N.Y. state census, Saratoga Co. (note 211); 1910 U.S. census, Saratoga Co. (note 211); 1915 N.Y. state census, Saratoga Co. (note 211); 1925 N.Y. state census, Saratoga Co. (note 211). Julia Ann and Edith M. Oliver witnessed the marriage of their uncle Charles A. Oliver (Charles A. Oliver-Anna S. Bell marriage record [note 192]).

²¹⁴ Annie J. Oliver obituary, *The Saratogian* (Saratoga Springs), 22 Jan. 1864, p. 3, col. 2. Annie J. Oliver funeral notice, *The Saratogian*, 23 Jan. 1864, p. 7, col. 6. Julia A. Oliver marker, North Milton Cemetery, North Milton, Saratoga Co., Memorial #19,601,490, digital image, *Find A Grave*, which is inscribed 1885–1964. No source gives her exact date of birth, but June 1885 was reported in the 1900 census (note 210). Her death cert. is not in the public domain.

²¹⁵ "Daniel Oliver," *The Saratogian* (Saratoga Springs), 30 Jan. 1931, p. 5, col. 3.

²¹⁶ Annie J. Oliver funeral notice (note 214).

²¹⁷ Edith Oliver obituary, *The Saratogian* (Saratoga Springs), 11 Sept. 1965, p. 3, col. 3. Edith M. Oliver marker, North Milton Cemetery, North Milton, Saratoga Co., memorial #19,606,995, digital image, *Find A Grave* (www.findagrave.com), inscribed 1892–1965. No source gives her exact date of birth, but Aug. 1892 was reported in the 1900 census (note 210). Her death cert. is not in the public domain.

SOME ANCESTORS OF NELLY JANE (FRANKLIN) LEFEVRE: AN AFRICAN AMERICAN OF THE MID-HUDSON VALLEY

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(Continued from THE RECORD 146:116)

3. **RACHEL² FRANKLIN** (Nancy¹ Franklin) was born in the Town of New Paltz, Ulster County, 20 July 1806, and her birth was recorded in the New Paltz slave register 4 February 1814 by the widow Ann Deyo.²¹⁸ She died on West Parmenter Street, Newburgh, Orange County, 20 February 1886, aged 80, and was probably buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Newburgh.²¹⁹ She married before say 1827–1829 (first-known child) **PETER SCHOONMAKER**,²²⁰ who was born a slave in Ulster County about 1782–1784,²²¹ possibly 10 March 1781, and died in Newburgh 6 June 1878, reportedly age 97 years, 2 months, 27 days.²²² Peter was married twice, but the identity of his first wife is unknown.²²³ It is not known whether Peter attained his freedom prior to the 1827 emancipation.²²⁴

Peter Schoonmaker, age 36–55, was in Newburgh in 1830, with one female age 24–35 (probably Rachel) and one female less than age 10 (daughter Mary born about 1827–1828), and they were still there in 1840, although son Robert was not in the household.²²⁵ In 1833 Peter served on the Board of Trustees of the African Methodist Episcopal [A.M.E.] Zion Church on Washington Street in Newburgh.²²⁶ Peter and Rachel Scoonmaker were in Newburgh in 1850

²¹⁸ Rachel Franklin entry, New Paltz Register of Slaves (1799–1825), unpaginated, digital image, *Hudson River Valley Heritage* (www.hrvh.org/cdm/compoundobject/collection/hhs/id/417/rec/2). The original register is held by Historic Huguenot Street Archives, New Paltz. See RECORD 145 [2014]: 253nn56–57 for more information on Rachel's status as the child of a slave mother.

²¹⁹ Rachel Schoonmaker death cert., Newburgh, N.Y., 1886, #33,914. Her death cert. says she was buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Newburgh, but the cemetery has no record of her burial. According to Dr. Janet Denise Jones, *Varick's Newburgh: A History of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church of Newburgh, New York* (Pittsburgh, Pa.: Dorrance, 2003), 10, "the majority of the graves [in the "colored section"] do not have any official records at the cemetery."

²²⁰ No marriage record has been found for this couple. Relevant area churches (New Paltz Reformed Dutch Church, Guilford Reformed Dutch Church, and Modena Methodist Church) were searched.

²²¹ Calculated from his ages on the 1850 (age 67) and 1870 (age 86) censuses (Peter Scoonmaker household, 1850 U.S. census, Town of Newburgh, Orange Co., p. 44, dw. 609, fam. 611 [National Archives and Records Administration microfilm (NARA) M432, roll 573]; Peter Schoonmaker household, 1870 U.S. census, Newburgh, Ward 1, Orange Co., p. 49, dw. 230, fam. 410 [NARA M593, roll 1069]).

²²² Peter Schoonmaker death cert., local copy, City of Newburgh Deaths, Vol. 1, 1878, #4169, Town Clerk's Office. His parents were not listed. The age at death may be slightly exaggerated.

²²³ Peter was married twice and Rachel once according to the 1865 census (Peter Schoonmaker household, 1865 N.Y. state census, Newburgh, Election District [Elec. Dist.] 1, Orange Co., p. 57, dw. 208, fam. 404).

²²⁴ See Part 1 for more information (RECORD 145 [2014]: 253nn56–57).

²²⁵ Peter Schoonmaker household, 1830 U.S. census, Town of Newburgh, Orange Co., p. 32 (NARA M19, roll 113). Peter Schoolmocker household, 1840 U.S. census, Town of Newburgh, Orange Co., p. 49 (NARA M704, roll 322). African Americans in New York in 1830 were enumerated in that census as "Free Colored Persons," even though all were free after 1827. That schedule used different age classifications than the rest of the census, hence Peter was age 36–55 and the female, presumably Rachel, was age 24–35.

²²⁶ John J. Nutt, *Newburgh: Her Institutions, Industries, and Leading Citizens: Historical, Descriptive and Biographical* (Newburgh, N.Y.: Ritchie and Hull, 1891), 128.

with their sons Robert, age 13, and John, 6, who were both attending school. Ann Wynkoop was also with them; her relationship is unknown.²²⁷ Peter and Rachel were listed one entry below Dibby Franklin, Rachel's sister, in 1855 in Newburgh; Peter was employed as a laborer.²²⁸ They were still in Newburgh in 1860, listed in the entry following Charles Alsdorf and his wife, who was their daughter Mary. John, working as a boatman, was still with them.²²⁹ In 1865 they were enumerated a household away from Charles B. and Mary Alsdorf. Two grandchildren were living with Peter and Rachel: Thomas, age 6, and Mary, age 4, both surnamed Schoonmaker.²³⁰ Peter was listed in Newburgh city directories from 1864 through at least 1876.²³¹

In 1870 Peter and Rachel Schoonmaker were still in Newburgh, with 12-year-old Thomas Schoonmaker, likely their grandson, again listed consecutively to Charles and Mary Alsdorf.²³² In 1875 Rachel Schoonmaker, termed married, was a boarder in the household of Stella Bodine. In the same building, Peter Schoonmaker, also married, was a boarder in Ann Wynkoop's household. Ann had also been in Peter's 1850 household, but her relationship is not known.²³³ In 1880 Rachel Schoonmaker, a 73-year-old widow, was living in Newburgh with her sister Deborah Franklin, single.²³⁴

Children of Peter Schoonmaker and Rachel² Franklin:²³⁵

- i. MARY³SCHOONMAKER,²³⁶ born 22 December 1829; died 28 August 1889, probably in Newburgh, buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, New Windsor, Orange County,²³⁷ married after the 1850 census and before that of 1855, CHARLES B. ALSDORF,²³⁸ born in Ulster County, probably in the Town of Shawangunk,²³⁹ 14 August 1829,

²²⁷ Peter Scoonmaker household, 1850 U.S. census, Orange Co. (note 221).

²²⁸ Peter Schoonmaker family in Delia Ludlow household, 1855 N.Y. state census, Town of Newburgh, Elec. Dist. 1, Orange Co., p. 20, dw. 127, fam. 191.

²²⁹ Peter Schoonmaker household, 1860 U.S. census, Newburgh, Orange Co., p. 313, dw. 1815, fam. 2461 (NARA M653, roll 834); Charles Alsdorf household, dw. 1814, fam. 2460.

²³⁰ Peter Schoonmaker household, 1865 N.Y. state census, Orange Co. (note 223); Charles B. Alsdorf household, dw. 207, fam. 403.

²³¹ *The Newburgh Directory for 1864–1865* (Newburgh: Charles Eastbrook, 1864), 66; *Newburgh City Directory for year ending May 1, 1868* (Newburgh: E. M. Buttenber, 1867), 95; similar title, Charles Jannicky, publisher (1868) 112, (1869) 118, (1870) 113, and (1871) 113; similar title, Edmund Carter, publisher (1872) 139, (1873) 130, (1874) 134, and (1876) 176.

²³² Peter Schoonmaker household, 1870 U.S. census, Orange Co. (note 221).

²³³ Rachel Schoonmaker in Stella Bodine household, 1875 N.Y. state census, Newburgh, Elec. Dist. 2, Orange Co., p. 16, dw. 93, fam. 166; Peter Schoonmaker in Ann Wynkoop household, dw. 93., fam. 164. Ann Wynkoop in Peter Scoonmaker household, 1850 U.S. census, Orange Co. (note 221).

²³⁴ Rachel Schoonmaker household, 1880 U.S. census, Newburgh, Orange Co., Enumeration District [ED] 31, p. 38B, dw. 275, fam. 408.

²³⁵ Rachel was the mother of six children (Peter Schoonmaker household, 1865 N.Y. state census, Orange Co. [note 223]). Only three children have been identified. However, Ann Wynkoop was living with the couple in 1850, and in 1875 Peter was "boarding" in her household (notes 227 and 233). Rachel, called a "boarder," was in the 1875 household of Stella Bodine, who may be related. Nothing further is known about either woman.

²³⁶ Peter had been married before, and it is possible that Mary was a child from that first marriage.

²³⁷ "Charles B. Alsdorf, a well-known merchant of Newburgh, died on Thursday 17th inst. aged 61 years. Death was caused by pneumonia." (*Port Jervis* [N.Y.] *Evening Gazette*, 19 Apr. 1890, p. 3, col. 5). Charles B. Alsdorf and Mary A. Schoonmaker, "his wife," marker, Woodlawn Cemetery, New Windsor, Orange Co., memorial #88,046,393, digital image, *Find A Grave* (findagrave.com), which says he died 19 Apr., but that was the day his obituary appeared.

²³⁸ Charles B. Alsdorf was living in his father's household in 1850 and 1855 (Charles Alsdorf [age 21, waiter] in George Alsdorf households: 1850 U.S. census, Town of Newburgh, Orange Co., p. 45, dw. 594, fam. 638 [NARA M432, roll 573]; 1855 N.Y. state census, Town of Newburgh, Elec. Dist. 1, Orange Co., p. 17, dw. 103, fam. 163, in which Mary was mistakenly called "sis-in-law," instead of daughter-in-law.

²³⁹ George Alsdorf household, 1830 U.S. census, Town of Shawangunk, Ulster Co., p. 254 (NARA M19, roll 106). The household of four African Americans includes two males under age 10 (Dubois Alsdorf was

died of pneumonia in Newburgh 17 April 1890, aged 61, and was buried in Woodlawn Cemetery,²⁴⁰ son of George Alsdorf and (probably) Caroline Brown.²⁴¹ Mary and Charles had no children.

Charles grew up in a family of prosperous African American musicians and entrepreneurs, who were active in Newburgh's A.M.E. Church²⁴² and the underground railroad.²⁴³ According to Wilmot M. Vail, who aided fugitive slaves at his store in Goshen in the 1840s and 1850s, "At Newburgh there was a colored man named Alsdorf, of a family of musicians, who provided for and concealed fugitives until an opportunity came to send them north."²⁴⁴

In 1850 Charles was living in Newburgh with his parents and working as a waiter, while Mary Schoonmaker was living in the Henry Buchannon household in the Town of Newburgh. She was described as a mulatto, age 20. In 1855 Charles and Mary were living with his parents and he, like all the male members of the family, was a musician.²⁴⁵ Charles and Mary were enumerated in households adjacent to Peter and Rachel Schoonmaker in 1860 and 1865. Charles, a waiter, owned real estate valued at \$2,000 and personal property worth \$500. His father, George, was enumerated just before Charles in 1860.²⁴⁶

The land Charles purchased in 1853 was probably 262 Washington Street, the site of various businesses he owned.²⁴⁷ In 1870 Charles and his brother Dubois owned a grocery store; Charles also worked as a caterer and his brother was a professor of music.²⁴⁸ Charles continued to do business at 262 Washington, but it changed over time from "grocer and caterer" to "caterer and confectioner" and later to "hosiery, notions, and fancy goods," as noted in various directories. Charles resided next door at 264 Washington.²⁴⁹ Charles and Mary, both termed "mulatto," were enumerated in Newburgh in 1875 and 1880.²⁵⁰

born about 1827 and Charles in 1829). No record of their baptisms was found in the Shawangunk, Wallkill, or New Hurley Reformed Dutch churches. Charles was born in Ulster Co. according to the 1855 census (note 238).

²⁴⁰ Charles B. Alsdorf and Mary A. Schoonmaker, "his wife," marker (note 237). No obituary, death cert., or probate was found for Mary.

²⁴¹ On the 1865 census George Alsdorf (Charles's father) was described as "married once" and "now widowed" (George Alsdorf in Dubois Alsdorf household, 1865 N.Y. state census, Elec. Dist. 1, Orange Co., p. 57, dw. 208, fam. 404). Caroline was listed as George's wife in the 1850, 1855, and 1860 censuses (see note 238 for 1850 and 1855; George Alsdorf household, 1860 U.S. census, Newburgh, Orange Co., p. 313, dw. 1813, fam. 2459 [NARA M653, roll 834]). George Alsdorf and Caroline Brown were listed on Charles's younger brother's marriage record as his parents (George Henry Alsdorf-Patti L. Hall marriage record, New York City, Manhattan Borough, Marriages, 5 Oct. 1904, #19830).

²⁴² "Alsdorfs of Newburgh, N.Y., Have Taught Music and Dancing for Eighty-five Years," *The New York Age*, 21 Sept. 1935, p. 4, cols. 3–4. Kevin B. Bilati, "Alsdorf Legacy," *Orange County Historical Society Journal*, 23 (Nov. 1994): 30–37, 41. Nutt, *Newburgh: Her Institutions, Industries, and Leading Citizens* (note 226), 128. The existing church records, which began in 1893, are described in Jones, *Varick's Newburgh* (note 219), pp. 42–43. Although there are several references to the Alsdorfs's involvement with this church, none are records of birth, marriage, or death.

²⁴³ "The Freesoil Democrats," *The Evening Gazette* (Port Jervis), 3 July 1879, p. 1, col. 4. "Sometimes they would send them to Newburgh [from Chester, Pa.], with a note to the Alsdorfs, a well-known and respected family of colored people. . . ."

²⁴⁴ "The Underground Railroad," *Port Jervis Evening Gazette*, 8 June 1909, p. 1, col. 1, and p. 4, col. 2. Vail provided the names of many people aiding fugitives along the route.

²⁴⁵ George Alsdorf households: 1850 U.S. census, Orange Co.; 1855 N.Y. state census, Orange Co. (both note 238). Mary Schoonmaker in Henry Buchannon household, 1850 U.S. census, Town of Newburgh, Orange Co., p. 71, dw. 965, fam. 1049 (NARA M432, roll 573).

²⁴⁶ Chas. Alsdorf household, 1860 U.S. census, Town of Newburgh, Orange Co., p. 313, dw. 1814, fam. 2460 (NARA M653, roll 834); and George Alsdorf household (note 241). Charles B. Alsdorf household, 1865 N.Y. state census, Orange Co. (note 230).

²⁴⁷ Henry and Mary Bowles to Charles B. Alsdorf, dated [blank] July 1853, recorded 29 Apr. 1854, Orange Co. Deeds 129:70–71. Charles paid \$140 for a lot described as 25 ft. wide, on the north side of Washington St.

²⁴⁸ *Carter's Newburgh City Directory for the Year Ending May 1, 1870* (Newburgh: Charles Jannicky, 1869), 10.

²⁴⁹ *Carter's Newburgh City Directory for the Year Ending May 1, 1872* (Newburgh: Charles Jannicky, 1871), 10; similar titles for (1874), 10; (1884), 41.

²⁵⁰ Chas. B./C. B. Alsdorf households: 1875 N.Y. state census, Newburgh, Elec. Dist. 2, Orange Co. p. 12, dw. 65, fam. 117; 1880 U.S. census, Newburgh, ED 31, Orange Co., p. 44, dw. 103, fam. 258.

Charles was a highly respected caterer,²⁵¹ whose advertisements mention “Silver and china to loan.”²⁵² A list of silver items “used in public” that he bequeathed to his sister-in-law provides a glimpse of his operation. He also devised real property and cash in his will, attesting to his prosperity.²⁵³ In 1877 a Port Jervis newspaper noted the “colored juror,” Charles B. Alsdorf, serving on the jury of an Orange County court, service highly unusual for an African American.²⁵⁴

- ii. (POSSIBLE DAUGHTER)³ SCHOONMAKER, born 1830–1840;²⁵⁵ no further information.
- iii. (POSSIBLE CHILD)³ SCHOONMAKER, born 1830–1840;²⁵⁶ no further information.
- 10. iv. ROBERT³ SCHOONMAKER, born in Orange County about 1835–1837 (perhaps in February 1835); died probably in Newburgh, after 1905 and possibly before 1907; married first before say 1852 ANNA [–?–]; married second by 1875 ANTOINETTE/ANNETTE [–?–] KING.
- v. (POSSIBLE CHILD)³ SCHOONMAKER, born 1840–1842;²⁵⁷ no further information.
- 11. vi. JOHN F.³ SCHOONMAKER, born in Orange County about 1843–1844; died in New York City 5 April 1902; married first, probably before 1865, JANE C. [–?–]; married second 8 January 1888 GEORGIANNA BRUDNELL.

4. **DIANA³ FRANKLIN** (Samuel², Nancy¹ Franklin) (also spelled Diannah, Dian, Dianna) was born in the Town of New Paltz, Ulster County,²⁵⁸ 3 January 1828 and baptized in the Reformed Dutch Church of New Paltz, 23 March 1828, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Lefevre) Franklin.²⁵⁹ Diana’s death and burial have not been found.²⁶⁰ She died probably before 30 June 1884 (when her third husband remarried),²⁶¹ and certainly before 7 October 1886, when her heirs were listed as defendants in a court case.²⁶² She last appeared in any record in

²⁵¹ “Orange County Bar Supper at Goshen,” *The Evening Gazette* (Port Jervis), 21 Dec. 1871, p. 1, col. 5. “The caterer of the occasion was Mr. Charles B. Alsdorf, of Newburgh, who knows how to get up an affair of this kind in the neatest and most elegant style.”

²⁵² *Newburgh* [N.Y.] *Daily Journal*, 5 Jan. 1887, p. 2, col. 8.

²⁵³ Charles B. Alsdorf will, Orange Co. Wills 53:425–27 (written 12 Apr. 1890, filed 8 May 1890). The silver bequeathed to Susan B. Alsdorf included 7 doz. teaspoons (\$38), 7 doz. forks (\$73.50), 2 cake baskets (\$13), Le Perne [Epergne] (\$50), one doz. silver knives (\$7), etc. (Charles B. Alsdorf estate file, Orange Co. Surrogate’s Court, Vol. 1796, file 27, filed 28 July 1893, packets organized by appearance in Decrees, Liber S, p. 27). There were no bequests to members of the Schoonmaker family, nor were any listed on the petition.

²⁵⁴ “Orange County Court and Court of Sessions—A Colored Juror,” *The Evening Gazette* (Port Jervis), 27 Sept. 1877, p. 4, col. 1.

²⁵⁵ The family’s 1840 census includes a female under age 10 (Peter Schoolmaker household, 1840 U.S. census, Orange Co. [note 225]).

²⁵⁶ Rachel was mother of six children and there is room in the birth order here. See Charles B. Alsdorf household, 1865 N.Y. state census, Newburgh, Elec. Dist. 1, Orange Co., p. 57, dw. 207, fam. 403.

²⁵⁷ Rachel was mother of six children (1865 census) and there is room in the birth order here.

²⁵⁸ Nellie Jane Franklin in Charles B. Jenkins household, 1855 N.Y. state census, Town of Gardiner, Ulster Co., p. 30 [penned], dw. 229, fam. 242.

²⁵⁹ Diana Deyo baptism, Reformed Church of New Paltz, “Baptismal Register of the Ref. Dutch Congregation of New Paltz,” Vol. 7, unpaginated, arranged chronologically. See Part 1 for more information about this source (RECORD 145 [2014]: 245n3). Samuel Franklin’s surname was recorded as Deyo in this record. In his marriage record and the baptism records of his two other daughters, he is recorded as Samuel Franklin.

²⁶⁰ She was likely buried in the “Colored Cemetery” in Poughkeepsie, which did not keep records. No burial for Diana Dubois or Diana Franklin has been found there although other records indicate that three of her children (Nellie Jane, Jacob, and Samuel), their spouses, and their children are buried there. No death cert. or obituary has been found for Diana Dubois or Diana Franklin.

²⁶¹ Verified transcription of marriage record, dated 26 Mar. 1900, Susan E. De Boise widow’s pension #723,088, service of Fortune DeBoise (Pvt. Co. K, 11th U.S. Col. Vol. Heavy Artillery, Civil War), Case Files of Approved Pension Applications, Civil War and Later Pension Files, Dept. of Veterans Affairs, Record Group [RG] 15, National Archives, Washington, D.C. In her widow’s application Susan De Boise deposed that she helped prepare Diana’s body for burial, and Harriet Carpenter deposed that Diana died on Hamilton Street in Poughkeepsie, but neither gave the date of her death.

²⁶² *Alexander Barclay vs. Phebe A. Franklin et al.*, Orange Co. Supreme Court Minutes, Book 15 (1885–1886), p. 226, Orange Co. Clerk’s office, Goshen. Also, *Barclay vs. Franklin, et al.*, legal notice, *The Newburgh Register*, 10 Dec. 1886, p. 4, col. 1, dated 7 Oct. 1886.

1881, when she and her son Sam were listed at the same Poughkeepsie address. She was not listed in the 1883 directory, but Sam was still at that address, suggesting that Diana had died.²⁶³ Diana's first husband may have been surnamed Green,²⁶⁴ although there is no record of her assuming that surname or residing in a household with a male surnamed Green.²⁶⁵ She married second at the Reformed Dutch Church of New Paltz, 12 December 1859 **ROBERT DEYO**,²⁶⁶ who was born in Ulster County about 1839–1842²⁶⁷ and died after 1900, probably in Virginia.²⁶⁸ No divorce has been found, but both Diana and Robert remarried. She married third near Modena, Town of Plattekill, before 1870, as his first wife, **FORTUNE/FORTUNATAS/FORTIN DUBOIS**,²⁶⁹ who was born in Ulster County, either in Kingston²⁷⁰ or the Town of Plattekill,²⁷¹ between 1834 and 1844,²⁷² died at Roosevelt Hospital, New York City, 12 October 1898, and was buried in “City Cemetery” [Potter’s Field on Hart Island],²⁷³ son of Philip and Isabella (Nuttingham/Nottingham) Dubois.²⁷⁴ Fortune married second Sarah ([–?–]) Churchill, who died 31 January 1880, aged 44,²⁷⁵ and who was possibly

²⁶³ *Vail’s Poughkeepsie City Directory* (Poughkeepsie, N.Y.: R V. LeRay, 1881), 59, for Mrs. Diannah Dubois; similar title (1883), 61, for Samuel Franklin.

²⁶⁴ Three of Diana’s male children were identified with the surname Green in a legal advertisement published in 1886 (Alexander Barclay vs. Phebe A. Franklin et al.; Barclay vs. Franklin, et al., legal notice [note 262]).

²⁶⁵ Diannah Deyo family in Charles B. Jenkins household, 1865 N.Y. state census, Town of Gardiner, Ulster Co., p. 23, dw. 157, fam. 157. She was mother of five children, had been married twice, and was currently married.

²⁶⁶ Robert Deyo-Diana Franklin marriage, Reformed Church of New Paltz, “Register of Church Members and Marriages,” Vol. 9, unpaginated, arranged chronologically. See note 259.

²⁶⁷ Robert Deyo entry, Town Clerks’ Registers of Men Who Served in the Civil War, Town of Gardiner, Ulster Co., folio 76, Series 13774, Box 18, roll 11, New York State Archives, which has his birth year as 1839. His 1900 census entry shows his birth Aug. 1842 (Robert Deyo household, 1900 U.S. census, Bowling Green District, Caroline Co., Va., ED 17, sheet 18B dw. 332, fam. 335 [NARA T623, roll 1702]).

²⁶⁸ Robert Deyo household, 1900 U.S. census, Caroline Co., Va. (note 267).

²⁶⁹ Fortune’s third wife, Susan E. (Harden) (Hurmans) De Boise, named Diana as Fortune’s first wife in her widow’s pension application and said they married near Modena (Susan E. De Boise widow’s pension #723,088 [note 261]). Diana was enumerated as Dianna Dubois in 1870 (Portunatus DuBois household, 1870 U.S. census, Town of Gardiner, Ulster Co., p. 11, dw. 77, fam. 77 [NARA M593, roll 1105]). No record was found of this marriage, but Diana continued to use the Dubois surname in subsequent records.

²⁷⁰ Fortin/Fortiss DeBois Civil War service record, Co. K, 11th U.S. Colored Heavy Artillery, Compiled Military Service Records of Volunteer Union Soldiers Who Served With the United States Colored Troops (NARA M1818, roll 194).

²⁷¹ Fortune Dubois entry, Grand Army of the Republic Records, Post Descriptive Books, Ketcham Post 495 (Town of Marlborough, Ulster Co.), [unpaginated, folio 3], Series B1706, Sub-Series 11, New York State Archives, Albany.

²⁷² Fortune’s age was reported as 27 in the 1870 census, suggesting a birth year of 1843 (note 269); as 20 when he enlisted in 1863, suggesting 1843 (note 270); as 26 when he mustered in on 2 Dec. 1863, suggesting 1837 (note 270); as 36 in the 1880 census, suggesting 1844 (Fortaine Duboise, hostler, in David Cudgel household, Poughkeepsie, Dutchess Co., ED 58, p. 15, [dw. not recorded], fam. 148); as 40 when he married Susan (Harden) Hurmans in 1884, suggesting 1844 (note 261); as 52 in 1890 when he applied for a pension, suggesting 1838 (note 261); as 58 in the 1892 census, suggesting 1834 (Fortin Dubois household, 1892 N.Y. state census, Poughkeepsie, Ward 4, Elec. Dist. 1, Dutchess Co., p. 17, col. 2); as 59 when he enrolled in G.A.R. in 1893, suggesting 1834 (note 271); as 56 when he died in 1898, suggesting 1842 (Fortune Du Bois death cert., New York City, Manhattan Borough, 1898, #29,195). The wide range of possible birth years suggests that Fortune did not know his birth year.

²⁷³ Fortune Du Bois death cert. (note 272).

²⁷⁴ Verified transcription of marriage record Susan E. De Boise, widow’s pension #723,088 (note 261), which listed his parents and hers.

²⁷⁵ Sarah Dubois death record (verified transcript from the Register of Deaths, Dutchess Co.), Sarah E. De Boise widow’s pension #723,088 (note 261), showing her death 31 Jan. 1880, aged 44, colored, no parents or spouse listed, buried in the “colored cemetery.” Another woman, Delia (Hart) Dubois, also claimed a pension on his service as his widow (Delia De Boise widow’s pension application #685,667); both widows’ papers are filed with Fortune’s papers. Sarah was named as his second wife by several deponents in Susan’s application (note 261). Sarah Dubois, 54, died in Feb. 1880 according to the 1880 mortality schedule (Sarah Dubois entry, 1880 U.S. census, mortality schedule, Poughkeepsie, Dutchess Co., ED 58, p. 1005, cross-referenced to the population schedule: William J. Bowles household, ED 58, p. 16, [no dw. recorded], fam.

the widow of Anthony Churchill.²⁷⁶ Fortune married his third wife, Susan E. (Harden) Hurmans, in Poughkeepsie on 30 June 1884. She was daughter of Abram and Harriet ([–?–]) Harden and widow of Peter Hurmans, who died 15 September 1882.²⁷⁷ He reputedly also married Delia Hart in New York City in March 1888.²⁷⁸

Diana, age 22, was the only black person in the 1850 household of Charles B. Jenkins, a well-to-do farmer in the Town of New Paltz, Ulster County. Charles's mother, Mary [Brodhead] Jenkins, his three sisters (Mary, Rachel and Catherine), and his nephew, Charles J. Jenkins, were also in his listing.²⁷⁹ Diana continued residing in the same Charles Jenkins household, as did her five children, in 1855, when they were all described as "domestics," even one-year-old Nelly.²⁸⁰ Although Diana married Robert Deyo on 12 December 1859, she and her children were still surnamed Franklin and were still residing in the Jenkins household in 1860. The oldest four Franklin children were attending school.²⁸¹ In the 1865 state census, Diana and her children were still with Jenkins. She and four children (Jacob, Ann, Nellie, and Nathaniel [*sic*, Samuel]) were surnamed Deyo, but her fifth child was called Andrew Franklin. Diana had been married twice, was currently married, and had five children; Diana, Ann, and Nellie were servants, Jacob was a boatman, and Andrew a farm laborer.²⁸²

When Robert Deyo registered for the draft in June 1863, he was described as age 26 and married.²⁸³ He enlisted on 16 January 1864 in Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, for a \$300 bounty.²⁸⁴ He immediately mustered into Company K of the 26th U.S. Colored Troops. He was diagnosed with pleurisy at L'Ouverture Hospital, Alexandria, Virginia, in July 1864, and Diana Deyo of Modena is listed as his wife in those records. Robert mustered out 28 August

158). Fortaine Dubois was listed in the 1880 census of Poughkeepsie as widowed (note 272). It appears that Fortune was married to both Diana and Sarah simultaneously. There was no divorce found for Fortune and Diana; Diana was still living in 1881 (note 263); numerous witnesses deposed that Sarah Churchill was his second wife (note 261); and Sarah Dubois died in 1880, before Diana's death.

²⁷⁶ Churchill was not her maiden name (Deposition of William H. Garnett in Susan De Boise widow's pension #723,088 [note 261], in which he states that Sarah Churchill was a "widow woman" when she married Fortune Dubois). Anthony and Sarah were enumerated together in 1870 in Poughkeepsie (1870 U.S. census, Poughkeepsie, Ward 5, Dutchess Co., p. 723, dw. 342, fam. 440 [NARA M593, roll 927]). Anthony Churchill, blacksmith, was listed in the Poughkeepsie city directories until 1874 (*Vail's Poughkeepsie City Directory, 1874–1875* [Poughkeepsie: Vail & Co., 1874], 45). In 1875 Sarah, "washing and ironing," was described as widowed (Sarah Churchill, 1875 N.Y. state census, Poughkeepsie, Ward 6, Dutchess Co., p. 27 dw. 207, fam. 275).

²⁷⁷ Verified transcript of Fortune Nottingham–Sarah E. (Harden) Hurmans marriage, Susan E. De Boise widow's pension application #723,088 (note 261), which lists her parents, her first husband's name and his death date, her marriage date to Fortune, that she was his third wife, and that he was employed as a coachman.

²⁷⁸ Delia De Boise widow's pension application #685,667 (note 275).

²⁷⁹ Charles B. Jenkins household, 1850 U.S. census, Town of New Paltz, Ulster Co., p. 320 [stamped], dw. 1026, fam. 1081 (NARA M432, roll 608). Although Diana had two children by then, they were not listed.

²⁸⁰ Diana Franklin family in Charles B. Jenkins household, 1855 N.Y. state census, Ulster Co. (note 258). They lived in the same location as in 1850, but the Town of Gardiner was formed from the Town of New Paltz in 1853. They were recorded as residents of the town for just two years, but had lived there longer.

²⁸¹ Diannah Franklin family in Ch^s Jenkins household, 1860 U.S. census, Town of Gardiner, Ulster Co., pp. 172–73, dw. 1162, fam. 1252 (NARA M683, roll 871). Diana's sons, Jacob (born about 1846) and Andrew (born about 1848) were not listed in this household, nor were they found elsewhere.

²⁸² Diannah Deyo family in Charles B. Jenkins household, 1865 N.Y. state census, Ulster Co. (note 264).

²⁸³ Robert Deyo draft registration, Civil War Draft Registration Records, p. 134, Records of the Provost Marshal General's Bureau, RG 110, NARA, digital image, *Ancestry.com*.

²⁸⁴ Robert Deyo entry, Town Clerks' Registers of Men Who Served in the Civil War (note 267).

1865 in Hilton Head, South Carolina.²⁸⁵ He was not found in subsequent censuses until he appears in the 1890 census of Civil War veterans for King and Queen County, Virginia, with the added note: "Robert Deyo says he is an Indian. He vol. in the 26th N.Y. Col regiment, he was shot in the left arm in Petersburg, June 1864."²⁸⁶ Robert applied for an invalid pension in 1886, but was not approved.²⁸⁷ A resident of Bowling Green District, Caroline County, Virginia, in 1886, Robert's pension records show that he enlisted in Poughkeepsie 16 January 1864. No divorce from Diana was found in New York or Virginia, but Robert remarried. The death certificate of Lucy Williams lists her father as Robert Deyo, born New York City, and her mother as Kate Clarke.²⁸⁸ In the 1900 census widowed Robert Deyo was enumerated in Bowling Green, Virginia. The household included Robert's two daughters, Lucy (born in 1876) and Bettie (born in 1877), three grandchildren, and a niece and nephew with the surname Clarke.²⁸⁹ No death record was found for Robert or Kate Deyo.

In the 1870 census of the Town of Gardiner, Diana was enumerated as Dian DuBois in the household of Fortunatas DuBois, along with Sam Franklin, age 12, and Francis J. Dubois, age 1. The previous entry in the census is the Charles B. Jenkins household, where Diana's daughter Ann Franklin was employed as a servant. The entry following Diana's was that of her son, Andrew Franklin, his wife, Charlotte, and their two children.²⁹⁰

Fortune Dubois (also known as Fortunatas, Fortin, Fort, Fortaine, Fortiss, Frank, etc.) is not listed in the Civil War draft registers for Ulster County, but as Fortune Dubois he enlisted on 2 December 1863 in Providence, Rhode Island. He mustered into service in Company K, 11th U.S. Colored Heavy Artillery, on 17 December 1863. He was court martialed in August 1864 for sleeping while on sentry duty. He was fined one month's pay, assigned extra duties for two months, and denied a pass for six months. He mustered out in New Orleans on 2 October 1865.²⁹¹

By 1877, as Nelly stated in her letter, "The Jenkins Friends are all gone."²⁹² Rachel Jenkins, in her will dated 24 April 1871, left \$100 each to Ann Elizabeth Franklin and Nelly Jane Franklin, and \$200 to Andrew Franklin.²⁹³ Rachel died 27 August 1874.²⁹⁴ When her estate was finally settled in 1878, the debts

²⁸⁵ Robert Deyo compiled service records, Co. K, 26th U.S. Colored Troops, Civil War, Compiled Military Service Records of Volunteer Union Soldiers Who Served With the United States Colored Troops: Infantry Organizations, 26th through 30th (NARA M1824, roll 4).

²⁸⁶ Robert Deyo entry, 1890 U.S. census, "Special Schedule: Surviving Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines, and Widows," Newton, King and Queen Co., Va., ED 43, p. 1 (NARA M123, roll 106).

²⁸⁷ Robert Deyo pension application #588,323 (Pvt., Co. K, 26th U.S. Colored Troops, Civil War), Civil War and Later Pension Files, Department of Veterans Affairs, RG 15, NARA, Washington, D.C.

²⁸⁸ Lucy Williams, death cert., Essex Co., Va., 1939, #9020.

²⁸⁹ Robert Deyo household, 1900 U.S. census, Caroline Co., Va. (note 267). He was reportedly age 58 and born in Virginia, as were his parents, which does not correlate with his birthplace on his military records.

²⁹⁰ Fortunatus DuBois household, 1870 U.S. census, Ulster Co. (note 269); also Charles B. Jenkins household, dw. 76, fam. 76; and Andrew Franklin household, dw. 78, fam. 78 (NARA M593, roll 1105).

²⁹¹ Fortiss DeBois Civil War service record (note 270). Some records show him in the 14th Regt. R.I. CoFd Heavy Artillery, which became the 11th U.S. Colored Heavy Artillery.

²⁹² William Heidgerd, *Black History of New Paltz* (New Paltz, N.Y.: Haviland-Heidgerd Collection, Elting Memorial Library, 1986), 17.

²⁹³ Rachel H. Jenkins will, Dutchess Co. Wills 4:74-75.

²⁹⁴ Rachel Jenkins death notice, *New Paltz* [N.Y.] *Independent*, 3 Sept. 1874, p. 2, col. 7. Rachel died in Millbrook, Dutchess Co., where she was living with her sister, Catherine Kelley, and brother-in-law, Thompson Kelley.

exceeded the assets, so the Franklin heirs received nothing.²⁹⁵ Charles Jenkins died in 1876,²⁹⁶ and his lands were sold to settle the estate, likely forcing Diana and family to vacate the land.²⁹⁷ Neither Diana nor Fortune were found in the 1875 New York state census, perhaps because of this period of transition in the Jenkins family. In the 1875–1876 Poughkeepsie city directory, both Jacob Franklin, a porter, and Fortune Dubois, a hostler, were living at 12 S. Hamilton St. A year later, Mrs. Diana Dubois, “(col’d) wid.,” was living at 10 S. Hamilton, Fountain Dubois, “(col’d) hostler,” was living at 46 Jay St., and Jacob Franklin, “(col’d) porter,” was living at 10 S. Hamilton.²⁹⁸ Diana Dubois continued to live at 10 S. Hamilton. She was there in 1880 with her daughter, Ann, who took in washing and ironing, and her son, Samuel, a clerk or porter.²⁹⁹ Fortune resided at various addresses in Poughkeepsie, but never at 10 S. Hamilton, where Diana Franklin lived.³⁰⁰ It appears they separated.

Fortune was enumerated in Poughkeepsie in 1892 with “Abrham” Dubois, twenty years his junior; their relationship is unknown.³⁰¹ Fortune was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, Ketcham Post, in Marlborough in 1893.³⁰² He applied for a pension as an invalid in 1891 and was approved. Following his death, both Susan E. De Boise and Delia Dubois claimed his pension as his widow. Delia said “she first met the soldier in Poughkeepsie, New York, and that he represented himself to be a single man and then she subsequently met him in New York City, where they were ceremonially married in March 1888, and thereafter sustained the relation of husband and wife until his death.” Susan thought Fortune (or Frank as he was known in New York City) had gone to the city to look for work. She produced a letter she had received six weeks before his death, which addressed her as “Dear wife” and was signed “your husband F Dubois.” The court could find no record of Delia’s marriage to Fortune/Frank and no record of his divorce from Susan, so Susan was awarded his pension in 1901.³⁰³ She died in Poughkeepsie 14 February 1923.³⁰⁴

²⁹⁵ Rachel H. Jenkins estate records, Order to Settle, Probate File #8249, Dutchess Co. Surrogate’s Court, Poughkeepsie.

²⁹⁶ Charles B. Jenkins administration, Ulster Co. Surrogate’s Court, Letters of Administration 3:769. Charles died intestate. On 10 Apr. 1876 Catherine Kelley, his sister, and James Dearing of Washington, Dutchess Co., petitioned to be administrators of his estate.

²⁹⁷ James Dearing, administrator, to C. M. Woolsey, referee, Ulster Co. Deeds 202:355–58.

²⁹⁸ *Vail’s Poughkeepsie City Directory, 1875–1876* (Poughkeepsie: Vail & Co., 1875), 73 (Jacob Franklin), 62 (Fountain Dubois); *Vail’s Poughkeepsie City Directory, 1876–1877* (Poughkeepsie: Jno P. A. Vail, 1876), 62 (Mrs. Diana Dubois), 63 (Fountain Dubois), 73 (Jacob Franklin).

²⁹⁹ Dian Du Bois household, 1880 U.S. census, Poughkeepsie, Ward 7, Dutchess Co., ED 62, p. 11, dw. 89, fam. 130 (NARA T9, roll 825).

³⁰⁰ Fortaine Duboise in David Cudgel household, 1880 U.S. census, Poughkeepsie, Dutchess Co., ED 58, p. 15, dw. 92, fam. 148 (NARA T9, roll 825).

³⁰¹ Fortin Dubois household, 1892 N.Y. state census, Dutchess Co. (note 272).

³⁰² Fortune Dubois entry, Grand Army of the Republic Records (note 271).

³⁰³ Department of the Interior, Bureau of Pensions to Chief of the Criminal Section, letter dated 10 Jan. 1901, Susan E. De Boise widow’s pension #723,088 (note 261); Delia De Boise widow’s pension application #685,667 (note 275).

³⁰⁴ Susan E. De Boise widow’s pension #723,088 (note 261); also Susan E. Deboise pension payment record, U.S. Veterans Administration Pension Payment Cards, 1907–1933, RG 15, Bureau of Pensions and Veterans Administration, NARA, digital image, *FamilySearch.org*.

Children of Diana³ Franklin and an unknown father, possibly [–?–] Green or Robert Deyo.³⁰⁵

- i. JACOB⁴ FRANKLIN/DEYO/GREEN, born June 1846;³⁰⁶ died 1 October 1906, buried in Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery;³⁰⁷ married about 1874³⁰⁸ SARAH J. MCCOLLUM,³⁰⁹ who was born in Ireland about 1852,³¹⁰ died at Hudson River State Hospital in Poughkeepsie 9 March 1910, aged 58,³¹¹ and was buried in Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery.³¹² They had no children,³¹³ but five of her siblings were named in her estate papers: Mary E. Cunningham, who lived in Poughkeepsie; Anna McCollum, Lizzie McIvor, and Andrew McCollum, who lived in Boston; and Catherine Hockett, who lived in Tirone [*sic*], Ireland.³¹⁴

In 1892 Jacob and Sarah J. Franklin were in Poughkeepsie with Samuel King, age 35, in the household.³¹⁵ Jacob worked as a boatman and a waiter; Sarah worked as a laundress. He was still in Poughkeepsie in 1900.³¹⁶
12. ii. ANDREW J.⁴ FRANKLIN/GREEN, born about 1847–1850; date and place of death unknown; married in the Reformed Dutch Church of New Paltz 1 January 1868 CHARLOTTE SCHOONMAKER.
- iii. ANN/ANNA ELIZABETH⁴ FRANKLIN/DEYO,³¹⁷ born 22 June 1851; died 20 February 1911 in Danbury, Connecticut,³¹⁸ buried 23 February 1911 in Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery;³¹⁹ may have married first by November 1886 CHARLES WHITNEY;³²⁰ may have married second in 1892 JAMES MCELROY;³²¹ apparently married third

³⁰⁵ Jacob, Andrew, and Samuel were usually known by the surname Franklin. In the 1865 census Jacob and Samuel were enumerated as Jacob and Samuel Deyo (see note 282 and associated text), but Andrew was Franklin. In an 1886 legal advertisement, all three were surnamed Green (see note 264). Her daughters were sometimes known as Deyo, but have not been found with the surname Green.

³⁰⁶ Jacob Franklin household, 1900 U.S. census, Poughkeepsie, Ward 7, Dutchess Co., ED 32, sheet 6A, dw. 85, fam. 119 (NARA T623, roll 1023), giving races as Jacob (black) and Sarah (white). The number of children born/living was not given; a nephew Herbert E. Spits, “mullato,” born Sept. 1887, was with them.

³⁰⁷ Jacob Franklin death cert., New York, 1906, #41,538. His mother’s maiden name was “Diana Franklin” on his death cert., and his occupation as “waiter”; no information about his father was provided. Mrs. Sarah Franklin of the same address (558 Main) reported the death. Jacob Franklin and Sarah (McCullum) Franklin marker, Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery, Poughkeepsie, N.Y., personally read by author, 2014, which states: “Jacob Franklin, died 5 June 1906 at age 60 – Sarah McCollum, his wife, died 9 March 1910 at age 58.” Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery Office (Poughkeepsie, New York) to author, undated plat, citing Jacob Franklin, Section 19, Lot 78, area 90.

³⁰⁸ They had been married twenty-six years in 1900 (Jacob Franklin household, 1900 U.S. census, Dutchess Co. [note 306]).

³⁰⁹ Jacob Franklin and Sarah (McCullum) Franklin marker, Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery (note 307).

³¹⁰ Sarah J. Franklin in Jacob Franklin household, 1900 U.S. census, Dutchess Co. (note 306), which gives her birth date as June 1857. However her birthdate as calculated from the age on her tombstone (58 on March 1910) would suggest a birthdate of 1852. Her age (39) in the 1892 census would also indicate a birthdate of 1852/1853. Her death cert. also gives age at death as 58 and place of birth as Ireland (Sarah J. Franklyn death cert., New York, 1910, #11756).

³¹¹ Sarah J. Franklyn death cert. (note 310). She was a resident of Hudson River State Hospital for sixteen days prior to her death and a resident of N.Y. for thirty-eight years.

³¹² Jacob Franklin and Sarah (McCullum) Franklin marker, Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery (note 307).

³¹³ Jacob Franklin household, 1900 U.S. census, Dutchess Co. (note 306).

³¹⁴ Sarah J. Franklin probate file #22,106, final settlement dated 19 Nov. 1912, Dutchess Co. Surrogate’s Court, Poughkeepsie.

³¹⁵ Jacob Franklin household, 1892 N.Y. state census, Poughkeepsie, Ward 6, Elec. Dist. 2, Dutchess Co., p. 12. Samuel King may be the son of Antoinette [–?–] (King) Schoonmaker, wife of Jacob’s cousin Robert Schoonmaker. The age was about right and there were no other known black Samuel Kings in the area.

³¹⁶ Jacob Franklin household, 1900 U.S. census, Dutchess Co. (note 306). Jacob Franklin death cert. (note 307). Sarah J. Franklyn death cert. (note 311). The 1905 state census for Dutchess Co. has not survived.

³¹⁷ She was called Ann Elizabeth Franklin in Rachel Jenkins’s will (note 293).

³¹⁸ Anna E. Franklin death cert., Danbury, Conn., 21 Feb. 1911, not numbered. The informant was Mrs. Alanson King [Lulu], the daughter of Ann’s brother Samuel Franklin. Her birth information was “June 1852” on the 1900 census (Anne Franklin in Evadne Rodman household, 1900 U.S. census, Poughkeepsie, Ward 6, Dutchess Co., ED 29, sheet 1B, dw. 59, fam. 13 [NARA T623, roll 1023]).

³¹⁹ Ann Franklin death notice, *Poughkeepsie* [N.Y.] *Daily Eagle*, 27 Feb. 1911, p. 6, col. 2.

³²⁰ Named as defendants in the suit involving heirs of Samuel Franklin were “Ann Whitney and Charles Whitney, her husband” (Alexander Barclay vs. Phebe A. Franklin et al.; Barclay vs. Franklin et al., legal notice [note 262]). Charles had associations with the Franklin family, but no other evidence has been found to support this marriage for Ann.

³²¹ See note 327 and associated text.

FRANK VAN LUE, who died before 1896, when Ann was listed in the Poughkeepsie city directory as the “widow of Frank.”³²²

In 1880 Ann Elizabeth was living with her mother, Dian Du Bois; she was widowed or divorced and had one child living.³²³ She and her neighbors on Jay Street were occasionally arrested for being disorderly.³²⁴ Anna Franklin was listed on the same page of the 1892 state census as her brother Samuel Franklin.³²⁵ She was attacked by James McElroy in 1894.³²⁶ When the Irishman James McElroy died after falling from a train in Rome, Oneida County, Anna claimed he was her husband, and they had married in 1892 in New Paltz.³²⁷ No record of the marriage was found in New Paltz town records. In 1900 she appeared in the Poughkeepsie census as a servant in the boarding house of Evadne Rodman.³²⁸ In the 1910 census of Danbury, Fairfield County, Connecticut, Anna was called a widow, mother of no children, living in the household of her niece, Lulu King.³²⁹

13. iv. NELLY JANE⁴ FRANKLIN/DEYO, born 24 May 1855 in the Town of New Paltz; died 22 February 1922; married 3 August 1871 in Modena JOHN LEFEVRE.
v. SAMUEL⁴ FRANKLIN/DEYO/GREEN, born about 1857–1858;³³⁰ died 31 March 1914 at the Hudson River State Hospital, buried in Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery;³³¹ married about 1884 (married twelve years in 1896) IDA REED,³³² born in November 1861,³³³ probably daughter of Abram/Abraham and Jane E. Reed.³³⁴

Samuel Franklin was in his mother's household in 1880 in Poughkeepsie.³³⁵ In 1892 Samuel, a hostler, and his wife, Ida, were in Poughkeepsie with their daughter “Lorra,” age 7. On the same page was his sister, Anna Franklin.³³⁶ The local newspaper occasionally reported his arrests for fighting; in one case, he won an illegal prize fight.³³⁷ In November 1892 he was sentenced to five months in the Albany Penitentiary for beating his wife.³³⁸ In September of 1894 he was arrested for

³²² Anna E. Franklin death cert. (note 318), which calls her the widow of Frank Van Lue. R. V. LeRay's *Poughkeepsie City Directory* (Poughkeepsie, N.Y.: R. V. LeRay, 1896), 156, which lists her as Ann Franklin, the widow of Frank, residing at 46 Jay St.

³²³ Ann Franklin in Dian Du Bois household, 1880 U.S. census, Dutchess Co. (note 299). No trace has been found of her child.

³²⁴ “Police News,” *Poughkeepsie Daily Eagle*, 3 Feb. 1890, p. 5, col. 4; “A Jay Street Raid,” *Poughkeepsie Daily Eagle*, 28 Mar. 1902, p. 5, col. 5.

³²⁵ Anna Franklin household, 1892 N.Y. state census, Poughkeepsie, Ward 4, Elec. Dist. 1, Dutchess Co., p. 4.

³²⁶ “Police News,” *Poughkeepsie Daily Eagle*, 12 Nov. 1894, p. 5, col. 3. “James McElroy was arrested in Jay Street Sunday evening, charged with being drunk and disorderly. He split the head of Ann Franklin, with whom he lived, open with a lamp.”

³²⁷ “Rome Victim Was McElroy,” *Poughkeepsie Eagle*, 23 Nov. 1906, p. 3, col. 6.

³²⁸ Anne Franklin in Evadne Rodman household, 1900 U.S. census, Dutchess Co. (note 318).

³²⁹ Anna Franklin, “aunt,” in Lanson King household, 1910 U.S. census, Danbury, Ward 2, Fairfield Co., Conn., ED 4, sheet 11B, dw. 164, fam. 237 (NARA T624, roll 129).

³³⁰ Diana Franklin family in Charles B. Jenkins household, 1855 N.Y. state census, Ulster Co. (note 258).

³³¹ Transcript of burial record provided by Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery office, Poughkeepsie, dated Oct. 2013, stating that Samuel Franklin was buried in unmarked, single grave #3390.

³³² “Violently Insane,” *Poughkeepsie Daily Eagle*, 12 May 1896, p. 5, col. 5. “[Sam Franklin] left his home in this city to go to Danbury last Friday or Saturday, to visit his wife's folks, who reside there, and are being visited by Mrs. Sam Franklin. He has been married about twelve years, and his wife's name is Ida Reed.”

³³³ Thomas West household, 1900 U.S. census, Danbury, Ward 3, Fairfield Co., Conn., ED 60, sheet 11, dw. 230, fam. 247 (NARA T623, roll 132).

³³⁴ Abram Reed household, 1880 U.S. census, Town of Wappingers, Dutchess Co., ED 72, p. 22 dw. 429, fam. 464 (NARA T9, roll 826), which includes Ida. It was reported in the newspaper that Samuel Franklin went to Danbury, Conn., to visit his inlaws (note 332). In 1900 the Reeds were living in Danbury (Abraham Reed household, 1900 U.S. census, Danbury, Ward 3, Fairfield Co., Conn., ED 60, sheet 13, dw. 279, fam. 300 [NARA T623, roll 132]).

³³⁵ Samuel Franklin entry in Dian Du Bois household, 1880 U.S. census, Dutchess Co. (note 299).

³³⁶ Samuel Franklin and Anna Franklin households, 1892 N.Y. state census, Poughkeepsie, Ward 4, Elec. Dist. 1, Dutchess Co., p. 4.

³³⁷ “Serious Fight,” *Poughkeepsie Daily Eagle*, 7 June 1882, p. 5, col. 5; “Fracas on Catherine Street on Circus Day,” *Poughkeepsie Daily Eagle*, 26 July 1883, p. 5, col. 5; “Prize Fight on Sunday Morning—Arrests Made,” *Poughkeepsie Daily Eagle*, 17 June 1890, p. 5, col. 3.

³³⁸ Samuel Franklin entry, Governor's Registers of Commitments to Prisons, 1842–1908, Records of the Office of the Governor [New York State], Series A0603, New York State Archives, Albany. “Police News,” *Poughkeepsie Daily Eagle*, 17 Nov. 1892, p. 5, col. 4.

assaulting his wife, but the charges were dropped.³³⁹ In 1896, when he went to Danbury to confront his wife about rumors of infidelity, his behavior became more violent and the police had “great difficulty in arresting him.”³⁴⁰ A few days later, after his return to Poughkeepsie, he chased his daughter with a knife.³⁴¹ The next day he was committed to the Hudson River State Hospital.³⁴² In 1900 and 1910 Samuel was enumerated in that hospital; in both instances he was described as married,³⁴³ although his wife, Ida, was enumerated as the wife of Thomas West, living in Danbury.³⁴⁴

Child of Samuel⁴ and Ida (Reed) Franklin:

- a. LAURA/LULU MAY⁵ FRANKLIN, born in Poughkeepsie about 1884–1885 (age at death); died in Grace Hospital, New Haven, Connecticut, 2 July 1959, aged 75, buried in Wooster Cemetery, Danbury; married 21 February 1904 ALANSON PERRY KING, who was born in New York 9 September 1885, and died in Danbury 8 August 1966,³⁴⁵ son of Fannie ([-?-]) King.³⁴⁶ The couple lived in Danbury in 1910; Lulu was the mother of one child, Lottie King, born in New York about 1899–1900, who predeceased her.³⁴⁷ Alanson and Lulu moved to Bridgeport, Fairfield County, Connecticut, by 1920, where Alanson worked as a teamster, and they were still there in 1930, when he worked as a shipping clerk in a wholesale grocery. By 1940 they were back in Danbury.³⁴⁸

Possible child of Fortunatas and Diana³ (Franklin) Dubois:

- vi. FRANCIS J.⁴ DUBOIS, born about 1868–1869.³⁴⁹ No other record found of this child.

(To be continued)

³³⁹ “Police News,” *Poughkeepsie Daily Eagle*, 17 Sept. 1894, p. 5, col. 5.

³⁴⁰ “Violently Insane,” *Poughkeepsie Daily Eagle*, 12 May 1896, p.5, col. 5. “It is said Sam heard his wife was living with a man named West in Danbury, and he at once made up his mind to investigate, which it is believed he did, and finding the stories to be true, became suddenly insane. . . . He was a very heavy drinker, and two of his friends said if he was insane it was liquor that made it.”

³⁴¹ “Is Sam Franklin Insane?” *Poughkeepsie Daily Eagle*, 18 May 1896, p. 5, col. 5. “The girl could run faster than her father which probably was the cause of saving her life.”

³⁴² “Taken to Asylum,” *Poughkeepsie Daily Eagle*, 19 May 1896, p. 5, col. 3.

³⁴³ Samuel W. Franklin in Hudson River State Hospital: 1900 U.S. census, Town of Poughkeepsie, Dutchess Co., ED 35, sheet 8A, line 19 (NARA T623, R1023); 1910 U.S. census, Town of Poughkeepsie, Dutchess Co., ED 77, sheet 32A, line 36 (NARA T624, roll 937).

³⁴⁴ Thomas West households: 1900 U.S. census, Fairfield Co., Conn. (note 333); 1910 U.S. census, Danbury, Ward 3, Fairfield Co., Conn., ED 68, sheet 3B, dw. 110, fam. 74 (NARA T624 roll 129).

³⁴⁵ Lulu May King obituary, *The Bridgeport [Conn.] Post*, 3 July 1959, p. 18, col. 7. Lulu M. King entry, Connecticut Death Index, 1949–2012, *Ancestry.com*, citing Conn. death cert. #12682, 1959. Alans P. King entry, Connecticut Death Index, 1949–2012, *Ancestry.com*, citing Conn. death cert. #15518, 1966. The original death certificates have not been examined. Alanson Perry King draft registration, Bridgeport, Conn., 1918, #2981, World War I Draft Registration Cards, *Ancestry.com*.

³⁴⁶ Lansing King in Fannie King household, 1900 U.S. census, Danbury, Ward 2, Fairfield Co., Conn., ED 57, sheet 13B, dw. 244, fam. 308 (NARA T623, roll 132).

³⁴⁷ Lansing King household, 1910 U.S. census, Fairfield Co., Conn. (note 329). Alanson P. and Lulu M. King entries, *Danbury Bethel Directory, 1959* (New Haven, Conn.: Price & Lee Co., 1959), 426. No children were named as survivors in Lulu’s obituary (note 345).

³⁴⁸ Alanson/Elanson King households: 1920 U.S. census, Bridgeport, Ward 10, Fairfield Co., Conn., ED 74, sheet 1B, dw. 12, fam. 17 (NARA T625, roll 176); 1930 U.S. census, Bridgeport, Fairfield Co., Conn., ED 18, sheet 5A, dw. 92, fam. 111 (NARA T626, roll 254); 1940 U.S. census, Danbury, Fairfield Co., Conn., ED 1-12, sheet 4B, 1/4 Beaver St. (NARA T627, roll 494).

³⁴⁹ Francis J. Dubois, age 1, in Fortunatus Dubois household, 1870 U.S. census, Ulster Co. (note 269).

SOME ANCESTORS OF NELLY JANE (FRANKLIN) LEFEVRE: AN AFRICAN AMERICAN OF THE MID-HUDSON VALLEY

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(Continued from THE RECORD 146:197)

5. **NANCY³ FRANKLIN** (Samuel², Nancy¹ Franklin), born in Ulster County³⁵⁰ 17 September 1830; baptized in New Paltz 19 November 1830, daughter of Samuel Franklin and Elizabeth LeFevre;³⁵¹ died in the Town of Gardiner 26 May 1895, aged 64,³⁵² and was buried in New Paltz 28 May 1895;³⁵³ married in New Hurley, Ulster County, 26 June 1849 **AARON JANSEN/JOHNSON**,³⁵⁴ born in Orange County about 1817–1818; died in the Town of Gardiner, aged 61, and was buried 6 January 1879 on the Kettleboro School House grounds in that town.³⁵⁵

Aaron, Nancy, and two children (Francis, age 5, and Lewis, age 1) were in the Town of Shawangunk, Ulster County, in 1850, where he was working as a laborer.³⁵⁶ In 1855 they were in the Town of Lloyd, Ulster County, and had lived in the town for two months.³⁵⁷ In 1860, 1865, 1870, and 1875 the family was in the Town of Gardiner.³⁵⁸ After Aaron's death, his widow Nancy was listed in 1880 in the village of Tuthill, Town of Gardiner.³⁵⁹ She apparently

³⁵⁰ Aury Jansen household, 1865 N.Y. state census, Town of Gardiner, Ulster Co., p. 41, dw. 272, fam. 272; Aaron Johnson household, 1875 N.Y. state census, Town of Gardiner, Ulster Co., p. 237, dw. 276, [no fam. number]. Note that in this area the surname "Johnson" and its Dutch equivalent "Jansen" were often interchanged.

³⁵¹ Nancy Franklin baptism, Reformed Church of New Paltz, "Baptismal Register of the Ref. Dutch Congregation of New Paltz," Vol. 7, unpaginated, arranged chronologically. See Part 1 for more information about this source (RECORD 145 [2014]: 245n3).

³⁵² Nancy Johnson death cert., local copy, Town of Gardiner, Ulster Co., 1895, #294, Town Clerk's office.

³⁵³ "Pastor's Register—C. E. Lasher, Register of Funerals 1878-9-'80," Guilford Reformed Dutch Church, Town of Gardiner, Ulster Co. (manuscript, Historic Huguenot Street Archives, New Paltz), which states "Nance Johnson (col'd) 70, res. Tuthill, buried New Paltz on May 28, 1895." There were several possible cemeteries in New Paltz where she could be buried, but no cemetery record has been found.

³⁵⁴ Jean D. Worden, *Dutch Reformed Church, New Hurley, Ulster County, New York* (Owensboro, Ky.: Cook & McDowell, 1980), 162.

³⁵⁵ Aaron Johnson burial, "Register of Funerals," Guilford Reformed Dutch Church (note 353), which states "Aaron Johnson (col'd) 61, res. Gardiner, buried Kettleboro Schl. H. Jan. 6, '79." Aaron Johnson household, 1875 N.Y. state census, Ulster Co. (note 350).

³⁵⁶ Aaron Johnson family in William Mandivell household, 1850 U.S. census, Town of Shawangunk, Ulster Co., p. 334, dw. 514, fam. 524 (National Archives and Records Administration microfilm [NARA] M432, roll 605).

³⁵⁷ Aaron Johnson household, 1855 N.Y. state census, Town of Lloyd, Ulster Co., unpaginated, dw. 218, fam. 239, which included children Francis (age 10), Moses (age 4), Daniel (age 3), and Samuel P. (age 1).

³⁵⁸ Aaron Jansen household, 1860 U.S. census, Town of Gardiner, Ulster Co., p. 136, dw. 906, fam. 1000 (NARA M693, roll 871). Aury Jansen household, 1865 N.Y. state census, Ulster Co. (note 350). Aury Jansen was recorded as father of five children that year, likely including Moses, living in a different household (see below). Aaron Jonson household, 1870 U.S. census, Town of Gardiner, Ulster Co., p. 97 [*recto* and *verso*], dw. 331, fam. 332 (NARA M593, roll 1105). Aaron Johnson household, 1875 N.Y. state census, Ulster Co. (note 350).

³⁵⁹ Nancy Johnson household, 1880 U.S. census, village of Tuthill, Ulster Co., Enumeration District [ED] 119, p. 19, dw. 177, fam. 189 (NARA T9, roll 939). There is no extant 1892 census for Ulster County.

moved back to Gardiner by 9 August 1882, when the house in which she was living was destroyed by fire.³⁶⁰

Children of Aaron and Nancy³ (Franklin) Johnson, all born in Ulster County:³⁶¹

- i. FRANCIS/FRANK⁴ JOHNSON, born about 1844–1845;³⁶² died probably before 1865.³⁶³ Francis was in his father's household in 1850, 1855, and 1860, but may also have been the 15-year-old black farm laborer in Stephen Freer's household in 1860.³⁶⁴ No further information.
- ii. (UNNAMED MALE CHILD), born 23 July 1847, probably died young.³⁶⁵
- iii. LEWIS H.⁴ JOHNSON, born about 1848–1849; died likely before the 1855 census.³⁶⁶
- iv. MOSES⁴ JOHNSON, born about 1850–1851;³⁶⁷ died probably after 1870. Moses was in the Aaron Johnson household in 1855 and 1860. He was probably Moses Jansen, age 15, a servant in Wellington Swift's household in the Town of Gardiner in 1865.³⁶⁸ He may be Moses H. Johnson, age 20, a farm laborer in James Johnson's 1870 household in the same town. Both Moses and James were described as black, but their relationship is unknown.³⁶⁹ No further information.
- v. DANIEL⁴ JOHNSON, born about 1851–1852 (age 9 in 1860); probably died before 1865.³⁷⁰
- vi. SAMUEL P.⁴ JOHNSON, born about 1854–1855 (age 5 in 1860); probably died before 1865.³⁷¹
- vii. GEORGE⁴ JOHNSON, born 22 February 1857 or 1859; died in Ulster County 13 February 1927;³⁷² married first at the Guilford Reformed Dutch Church 8 April 1880

³⁶⁰ *New Paltz Times*, 9 Aug. 1882, p. 3, col. 3. "Nance" was in the village of Gardiner washing for Mr. Barnes. No one was in the house at the time the flames broke out; everything was destroyed.

³⁶¹ In 1855, 1865, 1875, and 1880 most of their children are identified as such (Aaron Johnson in William Mandivill household, 1850 U.S. census, Ulster Co. [note 356]; Aaron Johnson household, 1855 N.Y. state census, Ulster Co. [note 357]; Aury Jansen household, 1865 N.Y. state census, Ulster Co. [note 350]); Aaron Jonson household, 1870 U.S. census, Ulster Co. (note 358); Aaron Johnson household, 1875 N.Y. state census, Ulster Co. (note 350); Nancy Johnson household, 1880 U.S. census, Ulster Co. (note 359). Other censuses include children presumed to be theirs and included here. The 1865 census shows Aury Jansen as the parent of five children (the number is in his column, not hers), probably indicating how many were living in 1865. Evidence shows that Aaron had fathered up to ten children by 1865, that five were still alive in 1865 (Moses, George, Augustus, Julia, and Sarah), and that the remainder had probably died before that census.

³⁶² Francis's age as recorded in 1850 (age 5), 1855 (age 10), and 1860 (age 15) suggest that he was born 1844–1845 (see note 361). Francis might not be Nancy's child (she would have been 16 when he was born).

³⁶³ Francis does not appear on Civil War draft registration records and likely died before they were created. He almost surely died before his father was shown as the father of five children (see note 361).

³⁶⁴ Frank Johnson in Stephen Freer household, 1860 U.S. census, Town of New Paltz, Ulster Co., p. 28, dw. 199, fam. 204 (NARA M653, roll 871).

³⁶⁵ Male infant birth record, "Return of Town Clerks—Births, 1847," Town of New Paltz, Ulster Co., N.Y., Ulster Co. Hall of Records, Kingston. The mother was Nancy Franklin. The father (who may or may not be Aaron Johnson) was not listed, and the child was labeled "illegitimate." This child was not on the family's census records.

³⁶⁶ Lewis H. was age 1 in 1850 (Aaron Johnson family in William Mandivill household, 1850 U.S. census, Ulster Co. [note 356]), but was not listed with the family in 1855 (Aaron Johnson household, 1855 N.Y. state census, Ulster Co. [note 357]).

³⁶⁷ Moses was age 4 in 1855. Later censuses show him as age 11 in 1860 and age 15 in 1865, but he was not listed with the family in 1850 (see note 361).

³⁶⁸ Aaron Johnson/Jansen households, 1855 N.Y. state census, Ulster Co. (note 357); 1860 U.S. census, Ulster Co. (note 358). Moses Jansen in Wellington Swift household, 1865 N.Y. state census, Town of Gardiner, Ulster Co., p. 19, dw. 126, fam. 126.

³⁶⁹ Moses H. Johnson in James Johnson household, 1870 U.S. census, Tuthill P.O., Town of Gardiner, Ulster Co., p. 50, dw. 361, fam. 364 (NARA M593, roll 1105). Moses is inserted in birth order along with the other children, but he does not appear in their 1865 census (Ja^a Jansen household, 1865 N.Y. state census, Town of Gardiner, Ulster Co., p. 49, dw. 319, fam. 319).

³⁷⁰ See note 361.

³⁷¹ See note 361.

³⁷² George Johnson death record, transcribed in William Heidgerd, *Black History of New Paltz* (New Paltz, N.Y.: Haviland-Heidgerd Collection, Elting Memorial Library, 1986), 43, in which his parents were recorded as Aaron Johnson and Nancy Deyo, another example of "Deyo" being used as her surname. Although his death record has his birth year as 1859, he was age 4 in 1860, age 14 in 1870, age 23 in 1880 (note 358), and

CHRISTINA/LUCRETIA SCHOONMAKER;³⁷³ married second about 1886 MARGARET DUBOIS,³⁷⁴ born in Ulster County in April 1863,³⁷⁵ died at the Van Horne Nursing Home in Sleighsburg, Ulster County, 2 October 1952.³⁷⁶

George lived in the Town of Gardiner his entire life, heading a large household that at various times included children, grandchildren, siblings, nieces, and in-laws. From 1900 through 1920 he was enumerated as a farm laborer. In 1920 he was not with the family, but nearby, working as a tenant farmer. Margaret, a “washwoman,” headed a large household on Kettleboro Road, while George was alone on Kettleboro Road.³⁷⁷ In 1925 George and his three sons were working as bricklayers.³⁷⁸ Before she married, Margaret was a domestic servant in the towns of Gardiner and Plattekill.³⁷⁹ She may have married Abner Graham before George Johnson.³⁸⁰ She was reportedly the mother of eight children, five still living in 1900, but in 1910 she was mother of nine children, eight living.³⁸¹ When she died in 1952, her obituary listed six sons and one daughter as survivors: Nathaniel of Connecticut, Augustus of New Paltz, Aaron of Modena [Ulster County], Vincent of Shawangunk, Herbert and Henry of Gardiner, and Mrs. Nancy Maben of Ardonia [Ulster County].³⁸²

viii. AUGUSTUS⁴ JOHNSON, born August 1860;³⁸³ died after the 1925 census;³⁸⁴ may have married first about 1880 (first-known child) an unknown wife;³⁸⁵ married second

in 1900 he was recorded as born in Feb. 1857 (George Johnson household, 1900 U.S. census, Town of Gardiner, Ulster Co., p. 1A, dw. 4, fam. 4 [NARA T623, roll 1169]). His death cert. has not been examined.

³⁷³ Kenneth Hasbrouck, “Guilford Marriages 1834–1911, Guilford Church Records, Guilford Reformed Dutch Church” (typescript, 1952, Historic Huguenot Street Archives, New Paltz), 10. Christina later married George’s brother Augustus Johnson. See below for more information.

³⁷⁴ George Johnson household, 1900 U.S. census, Ulster Co. (note 372), which says they had been married fourteen years. Margaret’s obituary describes her as “the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dubois.” (Mrs. Margaret Johnson obituary, *New Paltz* [N.Y.] *Independent and Times*, 2 Oct. 1952, p. 3, col. 7).

³⁷⁵ George Johnson household, 1900 U.S. census, Ulster Co. (note 374).

³⁷⁶ Mrs. Margaret Johnson obituary (note 374). Margaret’s stated age of 97 implies a birth date of about 1855, while most of the census data indicate she was born in 1863. Although her obituary names her parents as Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dubois, there was no Frank Dubois in New York in 1865 or 1870 (except Fortunatus Dubois, sometimes called Frank). Her death cert. has not been examined.

³⁷⁷ There is no 1892 census for Ulster County. George/George W. Johnson households: 1900 U.S. census, Ulster Co. (note 372); 1905 N.Y. state census, Town of Gardiner, Election District [Elec. Dist.] 2, Ulster Co., p. 655 [dw. and fam. not given]; 1910 U.S. census, Town of Gardiner, Ulster Co., ED 120, p. 11B, dw. 164, fam. 182 (NARA T624, roll 1084); 1915 N.Y. state census, Town of Gardiner, Elec. Dist. 2, Ulster Co., p. 3–4 (in which Margaret was listed as Margaret DB [DuBois] Johnson on Guilford Cross Road); 1920 U.S. census, Town of Gardiner, Ulster Co., ED 120, p. 1B, dw. 14, fam. 14 (NARA T625, roll 1270). Maggie Johnson household, 1920 U.S. census, Town of Gardiner, Ulster Co., ED 120, p. 6A, dw. 125, fam. 131 (NARA T623, roll 1270).

³⁷⁸ George Johnson household, 1925 N.Y. state census, Town of Gardiner, Elec. Dist. 1, Ulster Co., p. 6.

³⁷⁹ Margaret Duboise, age 12, servant, in Johan Jenkins household, 1875 N.Y. state census, Town of Gardiner, Ulster Co., p. 221, dw. 121. Two entries away, in dw. 123, was 14-year-old Anna E. Duboise, a servant in Luther Lefevre’s household and in dw. 139 was Jane Duboise, servant. Maggie Dubois, age 17, servant, in David Hasbrouck household, 1880 U.S. census, Town of Plattekill, Ulster Co., p. 42, dw. 100, fam. 112 (NARA T9, roll 940), which also includes, on the line following Maggie, Harry Dubois, black, age 4 months.

³⁸⁰ Nancy J. Graham (age 2) death cert., local copy, Town of New Paltz, Ulster Co., 1888, #145, Town Clerk’s office, New Paltz, calls her daughter of Abner Graham and Margaret Graham. Margaret’s first child with George Johnston was named Nancy J. Johnston. The marriage record of Nancy Jane Johnston, 19, to Robert Deyo, 28, on 25 Dec. 1909, in Ulster Co., lists her parents as Geo. Johnston and Maggie Graham (Ulster Co. Marriages, 1909, #223 [Family History Library microfilm (FHL) 842,643]).

³⁸¹ George Johnson household, 1900 U.S. census, Ulster Co. (note 372).

³⁸² Mrs. Margaret Johnson obituary (note 374), nearly matching the 1900 census (note 372), which includes children Nathaniel (born Jan. 1880), “Augustus” (born Dec. 1886), Nancy (born Dec. 1888), Aren (born Aug. 1891), and Charles (born July 1895). Modena and Ardonia are also in Ulster Co.

³⁸³ Although his birth was recorded as Aug. 1861 in 1900, he was 3 months old when the 1860 census was taken (Aaron Jansen household, 1860 U.S. census, Town of Gardiner, Ulster Co. [note 358]; Augustus Johnson household, 1900 U.S. census, Town of Gardiner, Ulster Co., ED 93, sheet 7B, dw. 153, fam. 156 (NARA T623, roll 1169)).

³⁸⁴ Gus Johnson household, 1925 N.Y. state census, Town of Gardiner, Elec. Dist. 1, Ulster Co., p. 6. He was not found in subsequent censuses. No death record was found in town records.

³⁸⁵ His son John was born Jan. 1881 (1900 census, note 383), but he married Christina about 1888. John could be her son with George Johnson, her first husband.

about 1887–1888 CHRISTINA/CHRIS/LUCRETIA JOHNSON/SCHOONMAKER,³⁸⁶ who was born about 1861–1862,³⁸⁷ died at Ireland Corners, Ulster County, 5 February 1925, aged 63,³⁸⁸ daughter of Simon Schoonmaker/Johnson and Isabella Deyo.³⁸⁹

Augustus worked as a farm laborer or general laborer. He was with his mother in 1880, and remained in the Town of Gardiner, living there through at least 1925, when he was with his daughter Emily and her husband, Charles Mitchell.³⁹⁰

- ix. JULIA A.⁴ JOHNSON, born April 1861,³⁹¹ died after 1925,³⁹² married about 1886–1888³⁹³ ABNER GRAHAM, born in Ulster County in January 1859, died 9 May 1920, son of Frank Graham.³⁹⁴

Abner worked as a day laborer and farmer. He and his family were listed in the Town of Gardiner in the 1900, 1910, 1915, and 1920 censuses. In 1900 Julia was described as the mother of nine children, five of whom were living, and in 1910 she was mother of twelve children, seven of whom were living.³⁹⁵ Abner Graham,

³⁸⁶ Christina was enumerated as Crist in 1900, Lucretia in 1905, Cris in 1910, and Christa in 1920 (Augusts Johnson household, 1900 U.S. census, Ulster Co. [note 383]; Augustus Johnston household, 1905 N.Y. state census, Town of Gardiner, Elec. Dist. 1, Ulster Co., p. 4; Gus Johnston household, 1910 U.S. census, Town of Gardiner, Ulster Co., ED 119, sheet 9A, dw. 130, fam. 140 [NARA T623, roll 1169]; Augustus Johnson household, 1920 U.S. census, Town of Gardiner, Ulster Co., ED 149, sheet 2A, dw. 30, fam. 33 [NARA T625, roll 1270]; Gus Johnson household, 1925 N.Y. state census, Ulster Co. [note 384]).

³⁸⁷ Christina's birth was recorded as Sept. 1864 on the 1900 census (Augusts Johnson household, 1900 U.S. census, Ulster Co. [note 383]), but her age at death, 63 in 1925, corresponds to Lucretia Schumaker's age of 3 in 1865 (Simon Schumaker household, 1865 N.Y. state census, Newburgh, Elec. Dist. 1, Orange Co., p. 60, dw. 223, fam. 431). She was not yet born in mid-1860 (Simon Schoonmaker household, 1860 U.S. census, Town of Newburgh, Orange Co., p. 40, dw. 245, fam. 290 [NARA M653, roll 834]). See note 389 below for a discussion of her parentage.

³⁸⁸ Christine Johnson death notice, *New Paltz* [N.Y.] *Independent*, 12 Feb. 1925, p. 5, col. 2, which reads "Christine, wife of Gus Johnson (colored) died at her home at Ireland Corners last Thursday." Chris Johnston death cert., local copy, Town of Gardiner, Ulster Co., 1925, Register 1, p. 8, Town Clerk's office.

³⁸⁹ Chris Johnston death cert. (note 388). The informant, Jack Johnson, reported that her parents were Simon Johnston and Isabella [unknown]. On two children's death certificates Christina's maiden name was given as Lucretia Johnson (Gussie Johnson's death cert., local copy, Town of Gardiner, Ulster Co., 1892, #25, Town Clerk's office, Gardiner, which names her parents as August Johnson and Lucretia Johnson; James Johnson's death cert., local copy, Town of Gardiner, Ulster Co., 1913, #312, Town Clerk's office, Gardiner, naming his parents as August Johnson and Lucretia Johnson). No Simon and Isabella Johns[on could be found in the area in 1860 or 1865, but Simon and Isabella Schoonmaker were in Newburgh in 1860 and 1865, with a daughter Lucretia of the right age (note 387). Simon Schoonmaker married Isabella Deyo 10 May 1850 in the Guilford Dutch Reformed Church (Hasbrouck, "Guilford Marriages 1834–1911" [note 373], 4). Two other children of Simon and Isabella were closely associated with Franklin descendants: daughter Charlotte married Andrew J. Franklin (Andrew Franklin-Charlotte Schoonmaker marriage, Reformed Church of New Paltz, "Register of Church Members and Marriages," Vol. 9, unpaginated, arranged chronologically) and daughter Sarah Elizabeth (Schoonmaker) Quick deposed that she knew Diana Franklin [Andrew's mother] and helped prepare her body for burial (Elizabeth Quick deposition, Susan E. De Boise widow's pension #723,088, service of Fortune DeBoise [Pvt. Co. K, 11th U.S. Col. Vol. Heavy Artillery, Civil War], Case Files of Approved Pension Applications, Civil War and Later Pension Files, Dept. of Veterans Affairs, Record Group [RG] 15, National Archives, Washington, D.C.).

³⁹⁰ Nancy Johnson household, 1880 U.S. census, Ulster Co. (note 359); Augusts Johnson household, 1900 U.S. census, Ulster Co. (note 383); Gus Johnston household, 1910 U.S. census, Ulster Co. (note 386); Augustus Johnson household, 1920 U.S. census, Ulster Co. (note 386); Gus Johnson household, 1925 N.Y. state census, Ulster Co. (note 384).

³⁹¹ Julia A. Graham in Abner Graham household, 1900 U.S. census, Town of Plattekill, Ulster Co., ED 122, sheet 8B–9A, dw. 206, fam. 216 (NARA T623, roll 1170). The household included Julia's sister Kate Heath and Kate's two sons.

³⁹² Julia Graham, 1925 N.Y. state census, Modena, Town of Plattekill, Elec. Dist. 1, Ulster Co., p. 8. Her occupation was housework.

³⁹³ Their daughter's death cert. listed her parents as Abner Graham and Julia Johnston (Lanetta Graham death cert., local copy, Town of New Paltz, Ulster Co., 1913, #956, Town Clerk's office, New Paltz). They had been married thirteen years in 1900 (Abner Graham household, 1900 U.S. census, Ulster Co. [note 391]) and twenty-two years in 1910 (Abner Graham household, 1910 U.S. census, New Paltz, Ward 2, Ulster Co., ED 153, p. 13A, dw. 82, fam. 82 [NARA T624, roll 1084]).

³⁹⁴ Abner Graham death cert., local copy, Town of New Paltz, Ulster Co., 1920, #62, Town Clerk's office, New Paltz, which gives his father's name but not his mother's, and his birth year but not the month and day. Abner Graham household, 1900 U.S. census, Ulster Co. (note 391), which provides the month and year of birth.

³⁹⁵ Abner Graham households: 1900 U.S. census, Ulster Co. (note 391); 1910 U.S. census, Ulster Co. (note 393); 1915 N.Y. state census, Town of Gardiner, Elec. Dist. 2, Ulster Co., p. 2; 1920 U.S. census, Town of Gardiner, Ulster Co., sheet 10, dw. 229, fam. 229 (NARA T625, roll 1271). Known children (from 1900,

George Johnson (Julia's brother), and others were arrested in 1883 for a Christmas Day fracas at a Tuthill hotel.³⁹⁶

- x. SARAH⁴ JOHNSON, born in 1864–1865, age [6/12? 11/12?] in 1865, probably died before the 1870 census.³⁹⁷
- xi. CATHARINE/KATE⁴ JOHNSON, born about 1866–1867;³⁹⁸ died after 1910;³⁹⁹ married about 1895–1896 ARTHUR J. HEATH,⁴⁰⁰ born in Ulster County about 1867–1868, son of John and Anna M. (Johnson) Heath.⁴⁰¹

In 1900 Kate Heath and her children—Julia, born in January 1896, and Johnson [Jonathan], born in January 1899—were living in Plattekill with her sister Julia Graham's family.⁴⁰² Arthur was in the Albany Penitentiary serving six months for petit larceny.⁴⁰³ Kate and Arthur appear to have separated. In 1910 Kate, a laundress, was living in her father's household in Gardiner with her daughter, Julia, age 19, and son, Alexander, age 9.⁴⁰⁴ No further record was found for Kate, but Arthur J. Heath was enumerated in Newburgh from 1910 to 1930, where he was employed at a plaster mill.⁴⁰⁵ Claiming it was his first marriage, Arthur married second on 2 January 1908 Julia Willis Johnson, age 19, daughter of David A. and Joe Anna (Crawford) Johnson.⁴⁰⁶
- xii. FRANCIS⁴ JOHNSON, born in 1870;⁴⁰⁷ died after 1880, when he was listed in his mother's household.⁴⁰⁸
- xiii. LEWIS K.⁴ JOHNSON, born in 1875;⁴⁰⁹ died of tuberculosis in the Town of New Paltz 26 February 1913, aged 39; never married.⁴¹⁰ He was likely the Lewis Johnson

1910, and 1915 censuses): Lewis, born Apr. 1884 (may be a child of a different spouse as he was born before the marriage; he was called Lewis Bevier, "son," in 1915); Mary T., born Apr. 1887; Lucretia, born Feb. 1891; Grace, born May 1893; Albert, born Mar. 1896; Elsie, born 1900–1901; Morris, born 1903–1904.

³⁹⁶ *New Paltz* [N.Y.] *Times*, 17 Jan. 1883, p. 5. col. 3.

³⁹⁷ Aury Jansen household, 1865 N.Y. state census, Ulster Co. (note 358). Sarah was not listed with the family in 1870 (Aaron Jonson household, 1870 U.S. census, Ulster Co. [note 358]).

³⁹⁸ She was age 3 in 1870 (Aaron Jonson household, 1870 U.S. census, Ulster Co. [note 358]).

³⁹⁹ Kate Heath in George Johnston household, 1910 U.S. census, Town of Gardiner, Ulster Co., ED 120, p. 11B, dw. 164, fam. 183 (NARA T624, roll 1084).

⁴⁰⁰ Kate Heath had been married twelve years in 1910 (note 399). Lawrence Heath death cert., local copy, Town of Gardiner, Ulster Co., 1893, #250, Town Clerk's office, Gardiner, N.Y., in which Lawrence's parents are named as Adher [Arthur] Heath and Kate Johnston Heath. He died aged two days.

⁴⁰¹ Arthur Heath–Julia Willis Johnson marriage, Orange Co. Marriages, 1908–1913, p. 1 (FHL 829,654), which provides his age as 40 and his parents as John and Anna M. (Johnson) Heath. John Heath households: 1870 U.S. census, Town of Gardiner, Ulster Co., p. 25, dw. 175, fam. 175 (NARA M653, roll 1105); 1880 U.S. census, Town of Newburgh, Orange Co., ED 28, p. 21, dw. 158, fam. 168 (NARA T9, roll 911).

⁴⁰² Kate Heath in Abner Graham household, 1900 U.S. census, Ulster Co. (note 391). Kate's birth date of May 1862, does not correspond to her previous reported ages, and the years married and number of children born were written over and difficult to read. She had two children living.

⁴⁰³ Arthur Heath entry, Governor's Registers of Commitments to Prisons, 1842–1908, Mar. 1900, line 9, Records of the Office of the Governor [New York State], Series A0603, New York State Archives, Albany.

⁴⁰⁴ Kate Heath in George Johnston household, 1910 U.S. census, Ulster Co. (note 399). She was mother of six children, three living, although only two were with her; son Johnson or Jonathan was with his uncle, Augustus Johnson (Jonathan Heath in Gus Johnston household, 1910 U.S. census, Ulster Co. [note 386]).

⁴⁰⁵ Arthur J. Heath households: 1910 U.S. census, Town of Newburgh, Orange Co., ED 65, sheet 6B, dw. 159, fam. 164 (NARA T624, roll 1060); 1920 U.S. census, Newburgh City, Orange Co., ED 147, sheet 16B, dw. 251, fam. 429 (NARA T625, roll 1252), in which daughter Ethel was age 3 years, 8 months; 1930 U.S. census, Newburgh, Orange Co., ED 69, p. 10A, dw. 190, fam. 256 (NARA T626, roll 1633), which included son John (probably Jonathan), 30, and daughter, Ethel, 14.

⁴⁰⁶ Arthur Heath–Julia Willis Johnson marriage (note 401).

⁴⁰⁷ Francis was one month old in 1870 (Aaron Jonson household, 1870 U.S. census, Ulster Co. [note 358]); age 5 in 1875 (Aaron Johnson household, 1875 N.Y. state census, Ulster Co. [note 350]); age 10 in 1880 (Nancy Johnson household, 1880 U.S. census, Ulster Co. [note 359]), in which his name was confused with Lewis).

⁴⁰⁸ Nancy Johnson household, 1880 U.S. census, Ulster Co. (note 359).

⁴⁰⁹ Lewis was age three months when the 1875 census was enumerated (Aaron Johnson household, 1875 N.Y. state census, Ulster Co. [note 350]).

⁴¹⁰ Lewis Johnston death cert., local copy, Town of New Paltz, Ulster Co., 1913, #952, Town Clerk, New Paltz, in which Lewis's parents were named as Arin Johnston and Nance Franklin; the informant was Mrs. Abner Graham, Lewis's sister, Julia A. (Johnson) Graham.

born April 1877 [*sic*], enumerated as a “son” in his brother Augustus’s household in 1900.⁴¹¹ In 1905 and 1910 he was living with his brother George.⁴¹²

6. **WILLIAM HENRY³ FRANKLIN** (Samuel², Nancy¹ Franklin), was born in Ulster County about 1840.⁴¹³ He drowned in the Erie Canal in Syracuse, Onondaga County, sometime between 20 October 1898, the day he went missing from his home, and 17 November, when his “badly decomposed” body was discovered floating in the Erie Canal by two young boys. He was buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Syracuse.⁴¹⁴ William married in the [African] Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, Syracuse, 20 November 1872 **HANNAH A. KEENE**,⁴¹⁵ born in Wisconsin about 1843–1844,⁴¹⁶ daughter of Thomas A. Keene.⁴¹⁷ Hannah died in Syracuse 15 July 1892 and was also buried in Woodlawn Cemetery.⁴¹⁸

William H. Franklin, 23, a black man from New York, enlisted for the Civil War on 2 December 1863 in Providence, Rhode Island, the same day as Fortune Dubois, his brother-in-law, husband of his sister Diana. His signature is on his enlistment papers. He mustered into service in Company K, 14th Regiment Rhode Island Colored Heavy Artillery, 11th Heavy Artillery, U.S. Colored Troops, on 17 December 1863 and mustered out at New Orleans, Louisiana, 2 October 1865.⁴¹⁹ He appears in Syracuse in the 1890 census of veterans.⁴²⁰ He applied for a Civil War pension as an invalid in 1892, and his daughter Olive E. Franklin, by her guardian, applied for a minor’s pension 16 October 1899.⁴²¹

⁴¹¹ Augustus Johnson household, 1900 U.S. census, Ulster Co. (note 383).

⁴¹² Louis Johnson in George Johnson household, 1905 N.Y. state census and 1910 U.S. census (note 377).

⁴¹³ Samuel Franklin household, 1850 U.S. census, Town of New Paltz, Ulster Co., N.Y., p. 325A, dw. 1100, fam. 1155 (NARA M342, roll 608), in which William Franklin was age 10. Wm. H. was age 20 in 1860 (Samuel Franklin household, 1860 U.S. census, Town of Gardiner, Ulster Co., p. 170, dw. 1149, fam. 1239 [NARA M653, roll 871]). The 1840 census of Samuel’s household did not include a male under age 5, indicating he was likely born after the census was taken (Samuel Franklin household, 1840 U.S. census, Town of New Paltz, Ulster Co., N.Y., p. 18 [NARA M704, roll 346]).

⁴¹⁴ “Franklin Drowned: Body of Missing Man Found in the Erie Canal,” *Syracuse Daily Journal*, 17 Nov. 1898, p. 6, col. 4. William H. Franklin death cert., New York, 1898, #42,667, which gives his date of death as 17 Nov. 1898, the day his body was found.

⁴¹⁵ William H. Franklin–Hannah A. Keene marriage, “Marriages,” *New Paltz Times*, 12 Dec. 1872, p. 2, col. 5.

⁴¹⁶ Wm. Franklin household, 1880 U.S. census, Syracuse, Onondaga Co., ED 221, p. 12, fam. 139 (NARA T9, roll 908).

⁴¹⁷ His will names only his daughter Abbie Kelley Mason, but the petition names the three children (Olive, William, and Abbie) of his deceased daughter, Hannah Franklin (Thomas Keene probate packet, original will dated 27 Mar. 1901, petition dated 12 Oct. 1907, Onondaga Co. Surrogate’s Court, Syracuse; copy provided courtesy of Skip Duett). “Oldest Colored Man Here Dies,” *The Post Standard* (Syracuse), 6 Aug. 1906, p. 5, col. 5, which names as his only survivor his daughter Mrs. James Mason, wife of Rev. James Mason of Rochester. Rev. James E. Mason married Abbie K. Keene in Syracuse 10 Nov. 1887 and a reception followed “at the home of the bride’s brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Franklyn, No. 29 Spruce street” (James E. Mason–Abbie K. Keene marriage, *The Syracuse Standard*, 11 Nov. 1887, p. 4, col. 4). For more information on Rev. Mason, see Bishop J. W. Wood, *One Hundred Years of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church or the Centennial of African Methodism* (New York: A.M.E. Zion Book Concern, 1895), 279–82.

⁴¹⁸ Hannah A. Franklin estate administration packet, letters of administration dated 18 July 1892, Onondaga Co. Surrogate’s Court, Syracuse; copy provided courtesy of Skip Duett. Hannah A. Franklin entry, Woodlawn Cemetery Database, *Onondaga County Public Library* (www.onlib.org/dbtw-wpd/Textbase/woodlawn_query.html). Hannah’s death cert. has not been examined. No obituary has been found.

⁴¹⁹ William H. Franklin service record, Co. K, 11th Heavy Artillery, U.S. Colored Troops, Compiled Military Service Records (NARA M1818, roll 196), which includes his enlistment paper and signature.

⁴²⁰ William H. Franklin entry, 1890 U.S. census, “Special Schedule: Surviving Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines, and Widows,” Syracuse, Onondaga Co., ED 232, p. 2 (NARA M123, roll 53).

⁴²¹ Olive E. Franklin minor’s pension appl. #706,846, in William H. Franklin pension file, #1,115,312, Co. K, 11th Heavy Artillery, U.S.C.T., RG 15, National Archives, Washington, D.C. in response to onsite visits in Apr. 2015 and again in Oct. 2015, NARA staff reported that this file had been checked out in 2006, but apparently misfiled. The original file has not been examined.

Hannah, a hairdresser, was living with her father in Syracuse in 1870.⁴²² After his Civil War service, William returned to his father's household in Ulster County where he was living in 1870.⁴²³ Following their marriage in 1872, William and Hannah resided at 29 Spruce Street in Syracuse, where he worked as a waiter in a hotel.⁴²⁴ In 1874 and 1876 Francis J. Franklin, a waiter and likely William's brother, was boarding at 280 East Washington, Syracuse. William, also a waiter, and his wife, Hannah, a hairdresser, were still at their 1872 address.⁴²⁵ They were enumerated in Syracuse in 1875, 1880, and 1892. Hannah's sister, Abby, lived with them in 1875 and 1880. Hannah was working as a hairdresser in 1892.⁴²⁶ Between 1888 and 1889 William and Hannah moved from the Spruce Street house to 209 Walnut Street, and remained there until their deaths.⁴²⁷

As Capt. William H. Franklin he served in the Onondaga Colored Battalion during the 1870s. The battalion drilled and held sham battles, but apparently disbanded soon after 1877.⁴²⁸ In 1905 Onondaga Lodge 32 of "colored" Masons held a memorial service at "Zion M. E. church" in memory of several members, including William Franklin.⁴²⁹

At a meeting of the "Afro-American voters" of Syracuse in 1891 at the Zion Church, William H. Franklin was elected as secretary and as a "speaker" endorsing the Republican ticket.⁴³⁰ William and his son, Wm. H., were listed at same address in the Syracuse directory in 1898.⁴³¹

Children of William Henry and Hannah A. (Keene) Franklin:⁴³²

- i. OLIVE ELIZABETH⁴ FRANKLIN, born in Syracuse about 1873–1874;⁴³³ died after 1940;⁴³⁴ married in Rochester, Monroe County, 8 January 1902 EVERETT ALPHONZO

⁴²² Thomas Keene household, 1870 U.S. census, Syracuse, Ward 8, Onondaga Co., p. 69, dw. 539, fam. 597 (NARA M593, roll 1063).

⁴²³ Samuel Franklin household, 1870 U.S. census, Town of Gardiner, Ulster Co., N.Y., p. 12 [written], p. 80B [stamped], dw. 91, fam. 89 (NARA M593, roll 1105).

⁴²⁴ William first appeared in Syracuse city directories in 1872 (*Boyd's Daily Journal: Syracuse City Directory 1873–4* [Syracuse: Andrew Boyd, 1872], 154).

⁴²⁵ *Boyd's Daily Journal: Syracuse City Directory 1874–5* (Syracuse: Andrew Boyd, 1874), 164; similar title (1876), 156.

⁴²⁶ William Franklin household, 1875 N.Y. state census, Syracuse, Ward 8, Elec. Dist. 2, Onondaga Co., p. 30, dw. 262, fam. 301; William Franklin household, 1880 U.S. census, Syracuse, Onondaga Co., ED 221, p. 12, dw. not given, fam. 139 (NARA T9, roll 908); William H. Franklin entry, 1892 N.Y. state census, Syracuse, Ward 14, Elec. Dist. 1, Onondaga Co., p. 3.

⁴²⁷ *Boyd's Syracuse City Directory 1887–1888* (Syracuse: Syracuse Journal Co., 1887), 202; similar title (1888), 206; (1889), 296. *Boyd's Duplex: Directory of Syracuse . . . 1895–1896* (Syracuse: Andrew Boyd Directory Co., 1895), 312; similar title (1898), 272. "Franklin Drowned: Body of Missing Man Found in the Erie Canal" (note 414), which gives his address.

⁴²⁸ Anthony F. Gero, *Black Soldiers of New York: A Proud Legacy* (Albany, N.Y.: State University of New York Press, 2012), 35. William was not found in Grand Army of the Republic records.

⁴²⁹ "Colored Masons," *Syracuse Daily Journal*, 16 Dec. 1905, p. 4, col. 5.

⁴³⁰ "Political Activities," *The Syracuse Evening Journal*, 21 Oct. 1891, p. 1, col. 6.

⁴³¹ *Boyd's Duplex: Directory of Syracuse . . . 1898* (note 427), 272.

⁴³² Wm. Franklin household, 1880 U.S. census, Onondaga Co. (note 416); William H. Franklin household, 1892 N.Y. state census, Onondaga Co. (note 426).

⁴³³ Her birth was reported as January 1876 in 1900 (Olive and Abbie Franklin in James Mason household, 1900 U.S. census, Rochester, Ward 19, Monroe Co., ED 122, sheet 3A, dw. 43, fam. 43 [NARA T623, roll 1077]), but she was age 6 in 1880 (Wm. Franklin household, 1880 U.S. census, Onondaga Co. [note 416]). She was age 27 when she married (Everett A. Brooks-Olive E. Franklin marriage, Rochester, Monroe Co., 8 Jan. 1902, #27884).

⁴³⁴ Olive Brooks household, 1940 U.S. census, Washington, District 10, D.C., ED 1-413, p. 23B, dw. 21, fam. 38 (NARA T627, roll 567).

BROOKS, born in the District of Columbia, 5 September 1877;⁴³⁵ died 1935–1936, probably in Washington, D.C.,⁴³⁶ son of Eugene and Oceania ([?–?]) Brooks.⁴³⁷

Olive attended high school for two years.⁴³⁸ She was working as a waitress and living with her father at 209 Walnut Street, Syracuse, in 1895.⁴³⁹ Olive Franklin of Syracuse served as attendant to Miss Emma E. Sprague at her 1898 wedding to Alexander H. Brooks in Rochester.⁴⁴⁰ In May 1899 Olive recited “The Black Man’s Burden” at a meeting condemning “recent Southern outrages.”⁴⁴¹ In 1900 Olive and her sister, Abbie, were living with their uncle Rev. James Mason, a minister of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion [A.M.E.Z.] Church, in Rochester.⁴⁴² Olive served as superintendent of the Sunday school at the “African Zion Church” in Rochester.⁴⁴³ Miss Olive E. Franklin of Rochester read the emancipation proclamation in the 1900 Emancipation Day celebration in Avon Springs, as well as at the 1901 celebration in Rochester.⁴⁴⁴

After her marriage to Everett Brooks in 1902, they moved to Washington, D.C., where he worked as a mail carrier. They were enumerated at 752 Morton Street in 1920 and 1930, and Olive was still there in 1940.⁴⁴⁵

- ii. FLORENCE E.⁴ FRANKLIN, born about January 1875; died in Syracuse 1 June 1876.⁴⁴⁶
- iii. WILLIAM HENRY⁴ FRANKLIN, born in Syracuse 26 September 1877;⁴⁴⁷ died in Darby, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, 12 December 1958, buried in Mount Lawn Cemetery, Sharon Hill, Delaware County,⁴⁴⁸ married in Rochester 14 April 1903 ZORRA GOODMAN, born in Elmira, Chemung County, 14 February 1877 or 1881;⁴⁴⁹ died in Darby 12 December 1960 and was also buried in Mount Lawn Cemetery,⁴⁵⁰ daughter of David and Julia (Hill) Goodman.⁴⁵¹

⁴³⁵ Everett Alphonzo Brooks, WWI draft registration, Washington, D.C., 1918, #1502, World War I Draft Registration Cards, digital image, *Ancestry.com*.

⁴³⁶ The 1935 city directory lists both Everett and Olive, but in 1936 Olive was called “wid. of Everett A.” (*Boyd’s Directory, District of Columbia 1935* [Washington, D.C.: R. L. Polk, 1935], 348; similar title [1936], 395).

⁴³⁷ Everett A. Brooks-Olive E. Franklin marriage (note 433).

⁴³⁸ Olive Brooks household, 1940 U.S. census, Washington, D.C. (note 434).

⁴³⁹ *Boyd’s Duplex Directory of Syracuse 1895* (note 427), 312.

⁴⁴⁰ “Brooks-Sprague,” *Rochester Democrat Chronicle*, 8 Oct. 1898, p. 10, col. 7.

⁴⁴¹ “Race Injustice the Black Man’s Burden,” *Rochester Democrat Chronicle*, 1 May 1899, p. 8, col. 5.

⁴⁴² Olive and Abbie Franklin in James Mason household, 1900 U.S. census, Monroe Co. (note 433).

⁴⁴³ “Sunday Notices,” *Rochester Democrat Chronicle*, 16 Feb. 1901, p. 7, col. 3.

⁴⁴⁴ “Emancipation Day: Colored People of the City Preparing to Celebrate in Elaborate Manner,” *Rochester Democrat Chronicle*, 4 July 1901, p. 7, col. 5; “Celebration at Avon,” *Rochester Democrat and Chronicle*, 31 July 1900, p. 4, col. 2–3.

⁴⁴⁵ Evertt/ Everett A. Brooks households, 1920 U.S. census, Washington, Precinct 10, D.C., ED 310, p. 7A, dw. 122, fam. 145 (NARA T625, roll 213); 1930 U.S. census, Washington, Precinct 10, D.C., ED 305, p. 5B (NARA T626, roll 300); Olive Brooks household, 1940 U.S. census, Washington, D.C. (note 434).

⁴⁴⁶ Florence E. Franklin death notice, *The Syracuse Daily Standard*, 2 June 1876, p. 4, col. 6, which says the funeral was from the family residence, 29 Spruce Street. She was called the youngest daughter of this couple and Olive is known to have survived. Florence was age 5 months on the couple’s 1875 census (note 426), taken in June 1875.

⁴⁴⁷ William Henry Franklin WWI draft registration, Delaware Co., Pa., 1918, World War I Draft Registration Cards, digital image, *Ancestry.com*.

⁴⁴⁸ William Henry Franklin coroner’s death cert., Delaware Co., Pa., 1958, #110,565.

⁴⁴⁹ William H. Franklin-Zorra Goodman marriage, Rochester, Monroe Co., 14 Apr. 1903, #29,721, which says she was born in N.Y. Her birthplace was recorded as Elmira, N.Y., on her daughter’s birth record (Irene Beatrice Franklin [C(olored)] birth record, “Births Registered in the City of Boston for the Year 1904,” #7,912, p. 176, digital image, *FamilySearch.org*). Her death cert. gives Virginia as her birthplace, but most other records indicate N.Y. (Zurra Franklin death cert., Delaware Co., Pa., 15 Apr. 1960, #36,535). A three-year-old Zorra was in their household in 1880 (David Goodman household, 1880 U.S. census, Towanda Borough, Bradford Co., Pa., ED 26, p. 54, dw. 278, fam. 300 [NARA T9, roll 1105]). She was age 20, born in Oct. 1879) in 1900 (Julia Goodman household, 1900 U.S. census, Rochester, Ward 3, Monroe Co., ED 35, sheet 5A, dw. 39, fam. 41 [NARA T623, roll 1073]). The family was not located in the 1892 state census.

⁴⁵⁰ Zurra Franklin death cert. (note 449).

⁴⁵¹ William H. Franklin-Zorra Goodman marriage (note 449). Zorra’s death cert. shows her mother as Elizabeth Grant, but her marriage license is more likely accurate (William H. Franklin-Zorra Goodman marriage [note 449]).

William was living with his parents in 1880 and 1892.⁴⁵² He was listed in the Syracuse directories as a clerk in 1895 and 1898, and an elevator conductor in 1899.⁴⁵³ When William married Zorra in 1903, he gave his occupation as bellman.⁴⁵⁴ When he registered for the draft and when he died, he was called a porter.⁴⁵⁵

William and Zorra had a daughter, Irene Beatrice, born 20 September 1904 in Boston, Massachusetts.⁴⁵⁶ William was still in Boston when his grandfather died in 1907.⁴⁵⁷ William completed six years of schooling, and Zorra completed eight. They were not found in 1910, but moved to Darby, Pennsylvania, by 1920, where they lived the rest of their lives. They adopted a daughter, Helen, born about 1933–1934. William worked as a porter on the railroad, a janitor at the trolley station, and a day laborer. By 1930 they owned their home.⁴⁵⁸

- iv. EDNA A.⁴ FRANKLIN, born 21 January 1882 (calculated), probably in Syracuse; died in Syracuse 17 April 1883, aged 1 year, 2 months, and 27 days.⁴⁵⁹
- v. ABBY/ABBIE L.⁴ FRANKLIN, born in Syracuse 19 December 1884; died 20 April 1978;⁴⁶⁰ married in Washington, D.C., 17 June 1925, WILLIAM FORREST RIDDICK,⁴⁶¹ born in Portsmouth, Virginia, 7 December 1887,⁴⁶² died 1 June 1934. Abbie and William are buried together in Arlington National Cemetery.⁴⁶³

Abby and her sister Olive were living with Rev. James Mason's family in Rochester in 1900.⁴⁶⁴ Abbie was still in Rochester when her grandfather died.⁴⁶⁵ In 1917 Abby gave an opening address at the Emancipation celebration in Rochester.⁴⁶⁶ In 1920 she was living in her sister Olive's household in Washington, D.C.⁴⁶⁷ By 1926 she was working as a clerk.⁴⁶⁸ William served in the U.S. Navy during the Spanish American War and World War I as an engineer, first class.⁴⁶⁹ In 1927 both Abby and her husband were living at 752 Morton St., home of Abby's sister, Olive E. Brooks,⁴⁷⁰ and Abby continued to live there after her husband's death.⁴⁷¹

⁴⁵² William Franklin household, 1880 U.S. census, Onondaga Co. (note 426); William H. Franklin household, 1892 N.Y. state census, Onondaga Co. (note 426).

⁴⁵³ See note 427 for 1895 and 1898 directories. *Boyd's Duplex Directory of Syracuse 1899* (Syracuse: Andrew Boyd, 1899), 276.

⁴⁵⁴ William H. Franklin-Zorra Goodman marriage (note 449).

⁴⁵⁵ William Henry Franklin draft registration (note 447). William Henry Franklin coroner's death cert. (note 448).

⁴⁵⁶ Irene Beatrice Franklin birth record (note 449).

⁴⁵⁷ Thomas A. Keene estate packet, petition (note 417).

⁴⁵⁸ William Franklin/Franklyn households, 1920 U.S. census, Darby Borough, Delaware Co., Pa., ED 157, p. 17A, dw. 323, fam. 343 (NARA T624, roll 1560); 1930 U.S. census, Darby Borough, Ward 1, Delaware Co., Pa., ED 23-54, p. 13B, dw. 281, fam. 292 (NARA T626, roll 2030); 1940 U.S. census, Darby Borough, Delaware Co., Pa., ED 23-61, p. 12B, household 214 (NARA T627, roll 3490).

⁴⁵⁹ Edna A. Franklin death notice, *The Syracuse Daily Standard*, 18 Apr. 1883, p. 4, col. 5, which says the funeral was from the family residence, 29 Spruce Street.

⁴⁶⁰ William F. and Abbie F. Riddick ("his wife") marker, Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington Co., Va., Section 25, Grave 714, *Arlington National Cemetery* (www.arlingtoncemetery.mil).

⁴⁶¹ William F. Riddick-Abbie L. Franklin marriage cert., District of Columbia, 1925, #128,420, p. 420 (FHL 2,293,235). William and Abbie were buried as husband and wife (William F. and Abbie F. Riddick ["his wife"] marker [note 460]).

⁴⁶² William Forrest Reddicks, WWI draft registration, Washington, D.C., 1917, #1219, World War I Draft Registration Cards, *Ancestry.com*. There were two men of this name in D.C. during this time period.

⁴⁶³ William F. and Abbie F. Riddick marker, Arlington National Cemetery (note 460).

⁴⁶⁴ Olive and Abbie Franklin in James Mason household, 1900 U.S. census, Monroe Co. (note 433).

⁴⁶⁵ Thomas A. Keene estate packet, petition (note 417).

⁴⁶⁶ "Out of Town Correspondence," *New York Age* (New York City), 11 Jan. 1917, p. 3, col. 3.

⁴⁶⁷ Abbey Franklin in Evertt Brooks household, 1920 U.S. census, Washington, D.C. (note 445).

⁴⁶⁸ *Boyd's Directory of the District of Columbia, 1926* (Washington, D.C.: R. L. Polk, 1926), 1263.

⁴⁶⁹ William F. and Abbie F. Riddick marker, Arlington National Cemetery (note 460) is inscribed "ENG | US NAVY RET | SP AM WAR | WORLD WAR I | JUN 1, 1934."

⁴⁷⁰ *Boyd's Directory of the District of Columbia, 1927* (Washington, D.C.: R. L. Polk, 1927), 1267.

⁴⁷¹ William F. and Abbie L. Riddick in Everett A. Brooks household, 1930 U.S. census, Washington, D.C., (note 445). Effie Riddick in Olive Brooks household, 1940 U.S. census, Washington, D.C. (note 434).

7. **LYDIA/LIDA JANE³ FRANKLIN** (Samuel², Nancy¹ Franklin) was born in the Town of New Paltz, Ulster County, 11 January 1847,⁴⁷² died in Saratoga Springs 28 February 1922, aged 72, and was buried in New Paltz.⁴⁷³ She married in the Reformed Dutch Church of New Paltz 29 March 1871 **ABRAM/ABRAHAM LEFEVRE**,⁴⁷⁴ who was born in New Paltz about 1849–1850.⁴⁷⁵ He died in Saratoga Springs 26 April 1923, aged 65, and was buried in New Paltz. He had lived in Saratoga Springs twenty-three years.⁴⁷⁶

In 1880 they were in the Town of Plattekill, Ulster County, where Abram was a laborer. There is no extant 1892 state census, but they were probably still in Ulster County. The “widow” Lydia was head of the household in Saratoga Springs in 1900, working as a cook,⁴⁷⁷ but Abraham and Lydia Lefever were together in 1905.⁴⁷⁸ Abram Lefevre, described as married but without a wife in the household, was living in Saratoga Springs in 1910 with sons Samuel F. and Levi. All three were working in a hotel.⁴⁷⁹ Abraham and Lydia were together in 1915, living with their adult children: Jacob, Samuel, Abraham, “Elijah,” and Maude.⁴⁸⁰ “Abe” and Lydia were living in their son Samuel’s household in 1920; their son Jacob L. was also listed.⁴⁸¹ In that year Abram served as one of the pallbearers for William G. Oliver, his brother-in-law.⁴⁸²

Children of Abram/Abraham and Lydia³ (Franklin) LeFevre, all born in Ulster County, probably in the towns of New Paltz and Plattekill:⁴⁸³

- i. JACOB L.⁴ LEFEVRE, born 18 September 1872;⁴⁸⁴ died in Saratoga Springs 26 July 1931 and was buried in New Paltz.⁴⁸⁵ Jacob apparently never married.⁴⁸⁶ Jacob was not found in 1900 or 1910, but in 1905 and 1915 he was living with his parents

⁴⁷² “Return of Town Clerks—Births, 1847,” Town of New Paltz, Ulster Co., N.Y., Ulster Co. Hall of Records, Kingston, copy of original record in possession of the author.

⁴⁷³ “Obituary: Mrs. Abram LeFever,” *The Saratogian* (Saratoga Springs), 1 Mar. 1922, p. 5, col. 5; Also “Lydia Jane LeFevre” obituary, *Schenectady Gazette*, 2 Mar. 1922, p. 4, col. 4.

⁴⁷⁴ Abraham LeFevre-Lydia Jane Franklin marriage, Reformed Church of New Paltz, “Register of Church Members and Marriages,” Vol. 9, unpaginated, arranged chronologically (see note 351), which lists them as Abraham LeFevre, of Plattekill and Lydia Jane Franklin, of Gardiner, persons of color, witnessed by John R. Lefever, of Plattekill, and Francis J. Franklin, of Gardiner.

⁴⁷⁵ Abram Lefever household, 1880 U.S. census, Town of Plattekill, Ulster Co., ED 143, p. 7, dw. 49, fam. 68 (NARA T9, roll 940).

⁴⁷⁶ Abram LeFevre obituary, *The Saratogian*, 28 Feb. 1923, p. 5, col. 4.

⁴⁷⁷ Abram Lefever household, 1880 U.S. census, Ulster Co. (note 475); Lydia LeFever household, 1900 U.S. census, Saratoga Springs, Ward 3, Saratoga Co., ED 130, sheet 5A, dw. 74, fam. 99 (NARA T623, roll 1159). The couple was not found in the 1875 or 1892 state censuses.

⁴⁷⁸ Abraham Lefever family in Lewis A. Freeman household, 1905 N.Y. state census, Saratoga Springs, Ward 5, Elec. Dist. 10, Saratoga Co., p. 19, 5 Patterson St.

⁴⁷⁹ Abram Lefevre household, 1910 U.S. census, Saratoga Springs, Ward 5, Saratoga Co., ED 134, p. 5B, dw. 90, fam. 103 (NARA T624, roll 1076).

⁴⁸⁰ Abraham Lefevre household, 1915 N.Y. state census, Saratoga Springs, Elec. Dist. 10, Saratoga Co., p. 11.

⁴⁸¹ Samuel LeFevre household, 1920 U.S. census, Saratoga Springs, Ward 6, Saratoga Co., ED 140, sheet 4B, dw. 83, fam. 101 (NARA T625, roll 1261). The enumerator confused the names of Samuel’s mother and his wife.

⁴⁸² William G. Oliver funeral notice, *The Saratogian*, 14 June 1920, p. 5, col. 5. See RECORD 146 (2015): 114–15 for more information on William G. Oliver.

⁴⁸³ Abram Lefever household, 1880 U.S. census, Ulster Co. (note 475); Lydia LeFever household, 1900 U.S. census, Saratoga Co. (note 477); Lewis A. Freeman household, 1905 N.Y. state census, Saratoga Co. (note 478); Abram Lefevre household, 1910 U.S. census, Saratoga Co. (note 479); Abraham Lefevre household, 1915 N.Y. state census Saratoga Co. (note 480).

⁴⁸⁴ Jacob L. LeFevre WWI draft registration, Saratoga Co., N.Y., 1918, #3198, World War I Draft Registration Cards, digital image, *Ancestry.com*.

⁴⁸⁵ Jacob L. LeFevre obituary, *The Saratogian*, 28 July 1931, p. 2, col. 2; Jacob L. LeFevre funeral notice, *The Saratogian*, 29 July 1931, p. 2, col. 4.

⁴⁸⁶ No spouse was mentioned in his obituary (note 485).

in Saratoga Springs, working as a cook. He was still a cook in 1925, but was a lodger in James R. Lane's household.⁴⁸⁷ In 1924 Jacob L. LeFevre fell from a piazza at the restaurant where he was employed as a chef and suffered several injuries that eventually ended his career as a chef.⁴⁸⁸ Jacob was a pallbearer at the funeral of Mrs. Charlotte L. Brown in March 1928.⁴⁸⁹ He then worked as a gardener and did some fishing, notably catching a one-pound, fourteen-ounce Oswego bass in Loughberry Lake.⁴⁹⁰

- ii. SAMUEL F.⁴ LEFEVRE, born 3 February 1875;⁴⁹¹ died at Saratoga Hospital, Saratoga Springs, 12 February 1934, and was buried in New Paltz;⁴⁹² married in the A.M.E. Zion parsonage, Saratoga Springs, 29 May 1919 GENEVA/JENNIE/GENEVIEVE ETES,⁴⁹³ who was born in Hampton, Elizabeth City County, Virginia, about 1882–1883 died in Saratoga Hospital, Saratoga Springs, 20 October 1931, aged 48, and was buried in New Paltz.⁴⁹⁴

Samuel worked as a “Boot black” in 1900 and a cook in 1905, 1910, and 1915.⁴⁹⁵ When he married in 1919 he was employed as a cook at Sweeney's hotel.⁴⁹⁶ Describing staff changes at the end of the 1921 summer season, the restaurant owner stated “The new chef is Sam LeFevre, who has had experience in hotel kitchens in Saratoga and New York.”⁴⁹⁷ In 1925 both Samuel and Geneva were working as cooks.⁴⁹⁸ In 1930 Samuel was working as a chef in a hotel, and Geneva was a cook in a tea room.⁴⁹⁹

- iii. ABRAM N.⁴ LEFEVRE, born in the Town of New Paltz 17 March 1877;⁵⁰⁰ died in Saratoga Springs 21 March 1954, aged 77, and was buried there in Greenridge Cemetery.⁵⁰¹ He married in Saratoga Springs 9 June 1917 MARY REBECCA GREEN, who was born in Saratoga Springs about 1882–1883 (age at death), died at Saratoga Hospital 15 December 1964, aged 81, and was buried in Greenridge Cemetery. She was daughter of George W. and Henrietta (Jones) Green.⁵⁰² Rebecca was the organist of the A.M.E. Zion church and very active in church affairs. In April 1917 she was elected delegate to the annual A.M.E.Z. conference in Auburn, New York.⁵⁰³ Abram was in his parents' household in 1905 and 1915, working as a cook.⁵⁰⁴ In 1920 he was working as a pastry cook; his wife was a nurse and their daughter Gladys, 17, was doing housework.⁵⁰⁵ In his later years, he worked as a paper hanger.⁵⁰⁶

⁴⁸⁷ Jacob L. Lefever in James R. Lane household, 1925 N.Y. state census, Saratoga Springs, Elec. Dist. 5, Saratoga Co., p. 15.

⁴⁸⁸ “Jacob L. LeFevre Injured,” *The Saratogian*, 19 June 1924, p. 2, col. 2.

⁴⁸⁹ Mrs. Charlotte L. Brown obituary, *The Saratogian*, 16 Mar. 1928, p. 2, col. 6.

⁴⁹⁰ “Catches Nice Bass,” *The Saratogian*, 23 July 1928, p. 2, col. 3.

⁴⁹¹ Samuel F. LeFevre WWI draft registration, Saratoga Co., 1918, #2879, World War I Draft Registration Cards, digital image, *Ancestry.com*. “Samuel F. LeFevre” obituary, *The Saratogian*, 12 Feb. 1934, p. 2, col. 3.

⁴⁹² “Samuel F. LeFevre” obituary (note 491).

⁴⁹³ “LeFevre–Etes” marriage, *The Saratogian*, 31 May 1919, p. 2, col. 2.

⁴⁹⁴ Geneva LeFevre obituary, *The Saratogian*, 21 Oct. 1931, p. 2, col. 4.

⁴⁹⁵ See notes 478, 479, and 480. A bootblack shines shoes.

⁴⁹⁶ “LeFevre–Etes” marriage (note 493).

⁴⁹⁷ *The Saratogian*, 6 Sept. 1921, p. 5, col. 2.

⁴⁹⁸ Samuel F. Lefever household, 1925 N.Y. state census, Saratoga Springs, Elec. Dist. 5, Saratoga Co., p. 6.

⁴⁹⁹ Samuel F. LeFevre household, 1930 U.S. census, Saratoga Springs, Saratoga Co., ED 46-41, p. 6A, dw. 138, fam. 145 (NARA T626, roll 1643).

⁵⁰⁰ Abram N. LeFevre WWI draft registration, Saratoga Co., 1918, #1383, World War I Draft Registration Cards, digital image, *Ancestry.com*.

⁵⁰¹ Abram N. LeFevre obituary, *The Saratogian*, 22 May 1954, p. 12, col. 1.

⁵⁰² Abram N. LeFevre–Mary Rebecca Green marriage, Saratoga Co. Marriages 2:215 (FHL 1,287,474). It was a first marriage for both. Rebecca LaFevre obituary, *The Saratogian*, 15 Dec. 1964, p. 13, col. 2.

⁵⁰³ “Ask Return of Their Pastor,” *The Saratogian*, 22 Apr. 1916, p. 2, col. 4.

⁵⁰⁴ See notes 478 and 480.

⁵⁰⁵ Abel N. LeFevre household, 1920 U.S. census, Saratoga Springs, Saratoga Co., ED 139, sheet 3A, dw. 57, fam. 65 (NARA T625, roll 1261).

⁵⁰⁶ Abram N. LeFevre obituary (note 501). No children survived him. Abram M. Lefever household, 1925 N.Y. state census, Saratoga Springs, Elec. Dist. 5, Saratoga Co., p. 8.

- iv. LEVI H.⁴ LEFEVRE, born in January 1880;⁵⁰⁷ died at his parents' residence, Saratoga Springs, 28 May 1916, aged 36, and was buried in New Paltz.⁵⁰⁸ Levi was in his father's household in Saratoga Springs in 1905, 1910, and 1915, working as a boot-black, then a porter, then in a restaurant.⁵⁰⁹
- v. MAUDE/MARY B.⁴ LEFEVRE, born in New Paltz 4 July 1882; died in Saratoga Springs 5 October 1926; never married.⁵¹⁰ Maude was living in her parents' household in 1900 (as Mary B., attending school), 1905, and 1915, working as a housekeeper, then a laundress.⁵¹¹ In 1925 she was working as a housekeeper.⁵¹²
- vi. CARRIE C.⁴ LEFEVRE, born in October 1883; died in Saratoga Springs 12 August 1901, buried in New Paltz.⁵¹³ Carrie was attending school in 1900.⁵¹⁴
- vii. CORNELIA B.⁴ LEFEVRE, born in August 1886; died in Saratoga Springs 18 July 1903, aged 17. Her funeral was held at the A.M.E. Zion Church in New Paltz.⁵¹⁵ Cornelia was attending school in 1900.⁵¹⁶
- vi. (UNNAMED SON)⁴ LEFEVRE, born 25 July 1888; likely died young.⁵¹⁷

8. **RACHEL³ FRANKLIN** (Samuel², Nancy¹ Franklin) was born in Newburgh about May 1855,⁵¹⁸ died at the home of her daughter Mrs. Samuel Mowers, 57 Gage Street, Kingston, Ulster County, 15 April 1940, aged 84, and was buried in New Paltz Rural Cemetery.⁵¹⁹ Rachel married in the Reformed Dutch Church of Guilford, Town of Gardiner, Ulster County, 24 December 1874 **ROBERT WILLIAM MAVEN**,⁵²⁰ who was born in Memphis, Tennessee,⁵²¹ about 1843–1844, died of spinal paralysis at the Ulster County Almshouse, New Paltz, 18 April 1911, aged 67, and was buried in New Paltz Rural Cemetery.⁵²²

⁵⁰⁷ Abram Lefever household, 1880 U.S. census, Ulster Co. (note 475), which indicates Levi was age 4 months, born in January.

⁵⁰⁸ Levi H. LeFevre obituary, *The Saratogian*, 29 May 1916, p. 10, col. 2.

⁵⁰⁹ See notes 478, 479, and 480.

⁵¹⁰ Miss Maud Le Fevre obituary, *The Saratogian*, 2 Oct. 1926, p. 2, col. 2

⁵¹¹ See notes 477, 478, and 480.

⁵¹² Maud LaFevor household, 1925 N.Y. state census, Saratoga Springs, Elec. Dist. 4, Saratoga Co., p. 14.

⁵¹³ *New Paltz Independent*, 16 Aug. 1901, p.3, col. 2.

⁵¹⁴ Lydia LeFever household, 1900 U.S. census, Saratoga Co. (note 477).

⁵¹⁵ *New Paltz Independent*, 24 July 1903, p. 3, col. 2.

⁵¹⁶ Lydia LeFever household, 1900 U.S. census, Saratoga Co. (note 477).

⁵¹⁷ Birth record of unnamed son of Abram and Lydia (Franklin) LeFever, local copy, Town of New Paltz births, 1888, Town Clerk's office. This child was not on the family's 1900 census.

⁵¹⁸ In the 1855 census of Newburgh, she was the unnamed female child listed as age one month, born in Orange Co., and resident of Newburgh for one month (Samuel Franklin household, 1855 N.Y. state census, Newburgh, Elec. Dist. 3, Orange Co., unpaginated, dw. 114, fam. 140). Her subsequent census entries are consistent with Rachel being the unnamed child, especially the 1860 census, in which she was age 5 (Samuel Franklin household, 1860 U.S. census, Ulster Co. [note 413]).

⁵¹⁹ Rachel A. Maven death notice, "Local Death Record," *Kingston [N.Y.] Daily Freeman*, 15 Apr. 1940, p. 2, col. 2. Rachel Maven funeral notice, *Kingston Daily Freeman*, 16 Apr. 1940, p. 2, col. 1.

⁵²⁰ Robt. Wm. Mavin–Rashel Ann Franklin marriage record (Hasbrouck, "Guilford Marriages 1834–1911, Guilford Church Records, Guilford Reformed Dutch Church" [note 373], 413). This surname appears as Maven, Maben, Mavin, Murvin, Maver, etc.

⁵²¹ Robt W. Maven entry #1319 and Francis J. Maven entry #1320, Record of Inmates, Ulster Co. Poor House, digital image, *Ancestry.com*.

⁵²² Robert Maven death cert., local copy, Town of New Paltz, Ulster Co., 1911, #882, Town Clerk's office. No obituary was found. Robert's age fluctuated in census records, and he likely did not know his birth year. He was likely born a slave in Tennessee. He was age 18 (born 1851–1852) in 1870 (Robert W. Maben in David Codington household, 1870 U.S. census, Town of Shawangunk, Ulster Co., p. 6, dw. 33, fam 46 [NARA M593, roll 1107]); age 23 (born 1851–1852) in 1875 (Robbett Murvin in Samuel Franklin household, 1875 N.Y. state census, Town of Gardiner, Ulster Co., p. 228 dw. 193, [fam. not given]); age 35 (1844–1845) in 1880 (Robert B. Mavern household, 1880 U.S. census, Town of Lloyd, Ulster Co., ED 135, p. 4, dw. 35, fam. 35 [NARA T9, roll 939]); age 50 (1849–1850) in 1900 (Robbett Mavin entry, Ulster Co. Almshouse, 1900 U.S. census, Town of New Paltz, Ulster Co., ED 119, sheet 13A, lines 20–22 [NARA T623, roll 1170]); and 68 (1841–1842) in 1910 (Robert Marven entry, Ulster Co. Almshouse, 1910 U.S. census, Town of New Paltz, Ulster Co., ED 153, sheet 22B, dw. 177, fam. 177 [NARA T624, roll 1084]).

Shortly before his marriage, Robert served six months in jail.⁵²³ Robbert W. and Rachal A. Murvin lived with her parents in 1875.⁵²⁴ In 1880 they were in the Town of Lloyd, Ulster County, in a household adjoining that housing the servant Nelie Franklin and her daughter, Ida.⁵²⁵ On 28 March 1897 Robert and his son Frank were admitted to the Ulster County Almshouse. The reason for Robert's dependence was noted as "paralysis and destitute."⁵²⁶ In 1900 Robert and two of his sons—Frank and Samuel—were residents of the almshouse;⁵²⁷ his son William and daughters Mary and Madeline/Maggie were in other households in the area.⁵²⁸ Rachel was not found in the 1900 or 1905 censuses. Robert was still a resident of the Almshouse in 1910,⁵²⁹ where he died in 1911.⁵³⁰ Until her death in 1940, Rachel continued to live with her daughter Madeline Mowers and family.⁵³¹

Rachel was living in the Town of Marlborough with her daughter Maggie Mowers' family in 1910. The household included 5-year-old Racheal Franklin, "niece." It is unclear whether the enumerator meant the niece of Samuel Mowers or the niece of Racheal.⁵³² Rachel Franklin, born about 1905, was also known as Rachel Maven, and lived with the family until at least 1920. In 1915 Rachael D. Mavin, age 10, was called "cousin;" in 1920 Rachael D. Franklin's relationship was noted as "none." She was not with the family in 1925, 1930,

⁵²³ *Kingston Freeman*, "County court," 4 Mar. 1874, p. 2, col. 3. "At present, there are only ten prisoners in the county jail." The list included "Robert W. Mavin of Gardiner sentenced to 6 months for assault and battery."

⁵²⁴ Samuel Franklin household, 1875 N.Y. state census, Ulster Co. (note 522).

⁵²⁵ Robert B. Mavern household, 1880 U.S. census, Ulster Co. (note 522). This Nelie Franklin should not be confused with Nellie who married John LeFevre. The former's identity is unknown, but she seems closely associated with descendants of Nancy Franklin, and may have been married to a son or grandson of Nancy, the former slave. Nelie and 7-year-old Ida were both termed servants in 1880 (Nellie Franklin in P. L. F. Elting household, 1880 U.S. census, Town of Lloyd, Ulster Co., ED 135, p. 4, dw. 34, fam. 34 [NARA T9, roll 939]). Yet in 1880 Nelly (Franklin) LeFevre was living in Wappingers Falls, Dutchess Co., with her husband and children (John LeFevre household, 1880 U.S. census, Town of Wappinger, Dutchess Co., ED 74, p. 16, dw. 132, fam. 143 [NARA T9, roll 82]). The other Nellie Franklin was termed widow of Jacob Franklin (*The Bradley-LeRay Directory of Poughkeepsie* [Yonkers, N.Y.: W. L. Richmond, 1914], 251). Nellie's daughter Ida Franklin died 7 June 1892 in Poughkeepsie, aged 19 ("Ida Franklin" obituary, *Poughkeepsie Eagle*, 10 June 1892, p. 4, col. 2); Nellie Franklin of Poughkeepsie purchased a burial plot for Ida in New Paltz Rural Cemetery (Mrs. Nellie Franklin entry, "Book of Deeds of the New Paltz Rural Cemetery Organized Feb. 18, 1861" [manuscript, Haviland-Heidgerd Collection, Elting Library, New Paltz], p. 313, Lot C-128). Nothing further is known of Nellie, widow of Jacob Franklin and mother of Ida.

⁵²⁶ Robt W. Maven and Francis J. Maven entries, Record of Inmates, Ulster Co. Poor House (note 521).

⁵²⁷ Robbert Mavin, Frank Mavin, and Samuel Mavin entries, Ulster Co. Almshouse, 1900 U.S. census, Ulster Co. (note 522). Samuel's admission to the almshouse was not found, but many of the records of the Ulster County Almshouse between 1897 and 1905 are missing.

⁵²⁸ Mary Mavin (adopted daughter) in Robert Elting household, 1900 U.S. census, Town of Marlborough, Ulster Co., ED 118, sheet 16A, dw. 317, fam. 339 (NARA T623, roll 1170); on the same page: William Mavin (farm laborer) in Frank B. Woolsey household, dw. 320, fam. 342; Margt Mavin (servant) in A. Wilkes household, 1900 U.S. census, Newburgh, Ward 4, Orange Co., ED 40, p. 12A, dw. 197, fam. 266 (NARA T623, roll 1141). In 1900 Andrew Franklin, age 18, was a farm laborer in the house next door to William Maven in Frank Woolsey's household. He was likely a grandson of Diana Franklin, son of her son Andrew (see next installment of this article).

⁵²⁹ Robert Marven entry, Ulster Co. Almshouse, 1910 U.S. census, Ulster Co. (note 522).

⁵³⁰ See note 522.

⁵³¹ Rachael A. Mavin (mother-in-law) and Rachael D. Mavin (cousin) in Samuel Mowers household, 1915 N.Y. state census, Town of Marlborough, Ulster Co., p. 12; Rachel A. Maven (mother-in-law) and Rachel D. Franklin in Samuel Mowers household, 1920 U.S. census, Town of Plattekill, Elec. Dist. 1, Ulster Co., ED 188, sheet 3B, dw. 62, fam. 62 (NARA T625, roll 1271); Rachel Maven (mother-in-law) in Samuel Mowers household, 1925 N.Y. state census, Kingston, Ward 7, Ulster Co., p. 16; Rachel Maven household, 1930 U.S. census, Kingston, Ward 7, Ulster Co., ED 56–22, sheet 7B, dw. 110, fam. 160 (NARA T626, roll 1655); Rachel Maren (mother-in-law) in Samuel Mowers household, 1940 U.S. census, Kingston, Ward 3, Ulster Co., ED 56–19, sheet 3A, household 58 (NARA T627, roll 2794).

⁵³² Racheal Maven (mother-in-law) in Samule Mowers household, 1910 U.S. census, Town of Marlborough, Ulster Co., ED 151, p. 8B, dw. 147, fam. 158 (NARA T624, roll 1084).

or 1940.⁵³³ Her relationship to Rachel (Franklin) Maven has not been determined. Called “Mrs. Rachel Frunkle of Brooklyn,” she was listed as surviving “daughter” of Rachel (Franklin) Maven in the latter’s obituary, suggesting that she was viewed as an adopted member of the family.⁵³⁴ Similarly, “Mrs. Rachel Franklin of New York” was called the surviving “sister” of Madeline (Maven) Mowers in her obituary.⁵³⁵ It is possible, but improbable, that she was a biological daughter of Rachel Maven, who was age 55 when the younger Rachel was born. Furthermore, Rachel was not included in the count of children reported by Robert in 1897 or Rachel in 1910.⁵³⁶ Rachel Franklin/Maven, born about 1905, was more likely a relative, possibly a granddaughter, who grew up as a member of the family.

Children of Robert William and Rachel A.³ (Franklin) Maven:

- i. PHEBE⁴ MAVEN, born in Ulster County about 1875–1876; died of “infirmati of lungs” in the Town of Lloyd, Ulster County in September 1879.⁵³⁷
- ii. SAMUEL⁴ MAVEN, born in Ulster County about 1876–1877;⁵³⁸ died in the Ulster County Almshouse 17 July 1903.⁵³⁹
- iii. FRANCIS J.⁴ MAVEN, born about 1879–1880;⁵⁴⁰ died before the 1910 census was taken.⁵⁴¹ Francis, age 17, was admitted to the Ulster County poorhouse with his father on 28 March 1897, because he was “idiotic.”⁵⁴²
- iv. WILLIAM ROBERT DEYO⁴ MAVEN, born 1 November 1882;⁵⁴³ died in Highland, Town of Lloyd, 5 February 1972; married 25 December 1909 NANCY⁵ JOHNSON,⁵⁴⁴ his first cousin once removed, who was born in Milton, Town of Marlborough, 19 December 1899, died in the Town of Marlborough 28 February 1971, and was buried in New Paltz. Nancy was daughter of George and Margaret (Dubois) Johnson.⁵⁴⁵

In 1910 William R. and Nancy Mayburn, who had been married for six months, were living with her father George W. Johnston in the Town of Gardiner. William was working as a farm laborer.⁵⁴⁶ William and Nancy were in Jenkinstown, Town

⁵³³ See note 531.

⁵³⁴ Rachel A. Maven death notice and Rachel Maven funeral notice (note 519).

⁵³⁵ Madeline Mowers obituary, *Kingston Daily Freeman*, 20 Apr. 1955, p. 8, col. 2.

⁵³⁶ In 1897, when he was admitted to the poor house, Robert Maven reported he had five children living; at the time Frank, Samuel, Mary, William, and Madeline were living (note 521). In 1910 Rachel Maven reported three children living; Mary, William, and Madeline were still alive (note 532).

⁵³⁷ Although Phebe was listed in the family’s 1880 census (note 522), she had clearly died the Sept. before (Phebe M. Mavin entry, 1880 U.S. census, mortality schedule, Town of Lloyd, Ulster Co., ED 135, p. 1025, line 10), in which she was noted as age 3 and had resided in the county for three years. The census taker clearly had two children confused (see note 540 below). Based on later censuses and other sources, the correct approximate ages are presented here.

⁵³⁸ Samuel was age 3 on the 1880 census (note 522) and age 23 on the 1900 census (note 527). He was noted as age 24 when he died (see note 539), but his 1880 census record is most likely to be correct.

⁵³⁹ Samuel Maven death cert., local copy, Town of New Paltz, Ulster Co., 1903, #676, Town Clerk’s office. Samuel’s reported age at death was 24, he was unmarried, and his parents were Robt. and Rachel Maven.

⁵⁴⁰ Francis was most likely the 1-year-old child mistakenly recorded on the 1880 census (note 522) as Phebe, who was also recorded in the 1880 mortality schedule as having died in Sept. 1879, age 3.

⁵⁴¹ See note 536.

⁵⁴² Francis J. Maven entry #1320, Record of Inmates, Ulster Co. Poor House (note 521).

⁵⁴³ William Robert Deyo Maven WWI draft registration, Napanoch, Ulster Co., 1918, #1691, World War I Draft Registration Cards, digital image, *Ancestry.com*.

⁵⁴⁴ William Mavens obituary, *New Paltz News*, 9 Feb. 1972, p. 26-B, col. 5. His local death record is not in the public domain.

⁵⁴⁵ Nancy Maven entry, Pine Funeral Home [New Paltz] Records, 1894–1994, record of funeral, 1971, #94, Haviland-Heidgerd Collection, Elting Library, New Paltz. Her mother’s obituary calls her Mrs. Nancy Maben of Ardonia (Mrs. Margaret Johnson obituary, *New Paltz Independent and Times*, 2 Oct. 1952, p. 3, col. 7). See Nancy’s father’s entry above.

⁵⁴⁶ William R. Mayburn in George W. Johnston household, 1910 U.S. census, Town of Gardiner, Ulster Co., ED 120, sheet 11B, dw. 164, fam. 182 (NARA T624, roll 1084).

of Gardiner, in 1920, where he worked as a farm laborer.⁵⁴⁷ In 1930 he was employed working on roads and living at Guilford Corners, Town of Gardiner.⁵⁴⁸

In February 1950 William was accused of murdering Geneva Smith and his brother-in-law Carl Johnson.⁵⁴⁹ The coroner determined that Geneva had fallen and died of exposure to sub-zero temperatures, but William was charged with second-degree manslaughter in the death of Carl Johnson.⁵⁵⁰ William, called “severely crippled,” maintained his innocence.⁵⁵¹ Although the trial was still pending two years later, the final verdict has not been found.⁵⁵²

Nancy was living in Ardonia, Town of Plattekill, Ulster County, when her mother died in 1952.⁵⁵³ William and Nancy apparently had no children.⁵⁵⁴

- v. MARY (L. OR RACHEL)⁴ MAVEN, born 22 September 1887;⁵⁵⁵ died in Milton, Ulster County, 11 October 1918, aged 31 years, 1 month, 19 days, following “the miscarriage of a dead child;”⁵⁵⁶ married about 1908, her first cousin once removed SIMON JACK⁵ JOHNSON, who was born in Gardiner 23 January 1877,⁵⁵⁷ died at the Ulster County Infirmary, Kingston, 19 January 1959, aged 81, and was buried in New Paltz Rural Cemetery.⁵⁵⁸ He was son of Augustus and Lucretia/Chris (Schoonmaker) Johnson.⁵⁵⁹ Simon was “ranked one of the best ball players in the county in the days in which he played with the Old Gardiner Athletic Club.”⁵⁶⁰
- vi. MADELINE/MAGGIE⁴ MAVEN, born about 1888–1889;⁵⁶¹ died in Kingston 19 April 1955, aged 66, and was buried 21 April in the family plot at New Paltz Rural Cemetery;⁵⁶² married 1 November 1908 SAMUEL MOWERS, son of Garry and Tillie (Roscrance) Mowers.⁵⁶³ Samuel was born about 1870–1874,⁵⁶⁴ died in Kingston

⁵⁴⁷ William Mayburn household, 1920 U.S. census, Jenkinstown, Town of Gardiner, Ulster Co., ED 150, sheet 1A, dw. 10, fam. 10 (NARA T625, roll 1270).

⁵⁴⁸ William Mayburn household, 1930 U.S. census, Guilford Corners, Town of Gardiner, Ulster Co., ED 56-8, sheet 8B, dw. 218, fam. 218 (NARA T626, roll 1654).

⁵⁴⁹ “Farm Laborer, 61, Held in the Slaying of Carl Johnson,” *Kingston Daily Freeman*, 21 Feb. 1950, p. 1, col. 8.

⁵⁵⁰ “Exposure Thought to be the Cause of Woman’s Death in County,” *Kingston Daily Freeman*, 22 Feb. 1950, p. 1, col. 7.

⁵⁵¹ “Enters Innocence Plea,” *Kingston Daily Freeman*, 30 Mar. 1950, p. 1, col. 5.

⁵⁵² “William Maven, manslaughter, first degree,” appeared in court news in 1952 (*Kingston Daily Freeman*, 11 Nov. 1952, p. 2, col. 7).

⁵⁵³ Mrs. Margaret Johnson obituary (note 545).

⁵⁵⁴ No children were listed in their census records, obituaries, or other records.

⁵⁵⁵ Mary’s death cert. gives her birth date as 22 Sept. 1887, but her age at death (31 years, 1 month, 19 days) yields 23 Aug. 1887 (Mary L. Johnson death cert., local copy, Town of Gardiner, Ulster Co., 1918, #24, Town Clerk’s office). Her 1900 census entry indicates she was born in Oct. 1887 (Mary Mavin [adopted daughter] in Robert Elting household, 1900 U.S. census, Ulster Co. [note 528]).

⁵⁵⁶ Mary L. Johnson death cert. (note 555). Her name was recorded as “Mary L.” on her death cert., “Mary Rachel” in her husband’s obituary, and “Mary Rachel” on her husband’s funeral record.

⁵⁵⁷ Simon Johnson entry, Pine Funeral Home Records (note 545), 1959, #19.

⁵⁵⁸ Simon Jack Johnson obituary, *Kingston Daily Freeman*, 20 Jan. 1959, p. 2, col. 2–3. Survived by two sons (George of Poughkeepsie and Simon Jack Johnson of Kingston), a daughter (Miss Mattie Ann Johnson of Kingston), and two (unnamed) grandchildren.

⁵⁵⁹ Mary and Jack Johnston in Gus Johnston household, 1910 U.S. census, Ulster Co. (note 386). The household included Mary Johnston, 24, daughter-in-law, married two years, one child; Jack Johnston, son, 28, laborer; and Bertha, 17/12, granddaughter.

⁵⁶⁰ Simon Jack Johnson obituary, *New Paltz News*, 21 Jan. 1959, p. 1, col. 3.

⁵⁶¹ Mrs. Margaret Johnson obituary (note 545), which gives her age at death. The 1900 census (note 562) indicates she was born in April 1888.

⁵⁶² Madeline Mowers obituary (note 532), in which survivors were listed as her son, Allison Mowers; a foster daughter, Miss Margaret Robbins of Newburgh; her sister Mrs. Rachel Franklin of New York [City]; a brother, William Maben of New Paltz; and a grandson James Taylor, stationed in Africa with U.S. Air Force. Madeline Mowers death notice, *Kingston Daily Freeman*, 19 Apr. 1955, p. 2, col. 1.

⁵⁶³ Samuel Mowers–Maggie Maven entry, Index to New York Marriages, 1686–1980, database entry, (familysearch.org), which indicates the marriage date, the place as “Ulster, New York,” and the parents of both. The original has not been examined.

⁵⁶⁴ Samuel Mowers, age 9, in Garret Mowers household, 1880 U.S. census, Town of Rosendale, Ulster Co., E.D. 148, p. 53, dw. 325, fam. 449 (NARA T9, roll 940). He may be the 31-year-old Samuel Mowers in the 1905 census of Rosendale with a 30-year-old wife, Josephine (Samuel Mowers household, 1905 N.Y. state census, Rosendale, Town of Rosendale, Elec. Dist. 1, Ulster Co., p. 8). In his marriage record (note 563) he was born in 1874.

- 14 May 1954, and was buried in the family plot in New Paltz Cemetery.⁵⁶⁵ Maggie's mother lived with the family for over twenty-five years.⁵⁶⁶
- vii. [Adopted daughter?] RACHEL D. FRANKLIN/MAVEN, born in New Paltz about 1904–1905;⁵⁶⁷ died after 1955.⁵⁶⁸

Rachel "Maves," age 21, worked as a cook and household helper in the home of Thomas Campbell in Modena in 1925.⁵⁶⁹ Rachel D. Franklin, servant for a "private family," was still in the Campbell household in 1930, now listed with five children: Oliver B., age 6; Robert W., age 4 years, 8 months; Betty J., age 3 years, 9 months; Anna M., age 2 years, 8 months; and Grace N., age 3 months.⁵⁷⁰ "Frank Franklin" was recorded as the father of two of her children, but that was likely incorrect.⁵⁷¹ In 1932 Rachel Franklin, unmarried, brought charges against Thomas W. Campbell, age 63, of Modena, for failure to support his five children by her. She claimed that the oldest was born in July 1925, and if he did not support them, they were likely to become public charges.⁵⁷² Rachel moved her family to Brooklyn between June 1932 and 1933.⁵⁷³ In 1940 she was enumerated as a widow living in Brooklyn with eight children.⁵⁷⁴

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⁵⁶⁵ Samuel Mowers death notice, *Kingston Daily Freeman*, 15 May 1954, p. 7, col. 8. Survivors were his wife, Madeline Maben Mowers, son Allison Mowers, and brothers Theron and William Mowers, all of Kingston.

⁵⁶⁶ See note 531.

⁵⁶⁷ She was age 5 in 1910 and age 10 in 1915 (see note 531), with subsequent censuses in agreement. In 1940 her birthplace was recorded as New Paltz, N.Y. (note 574). No birth record was located for Rachel.

⁵⁶⁸ Madeline Mowers obituary (note 532).

⁵⁶⁹ Rachel Maves in Thomas Campbell household, 1925 N.Y. state census, Modena, Town of Plattekill, Elec. Dist. 1, Ulster Co., p. 4.

⁵⁷⁰ Rachel D. Franklin in Thomas W. Campbell household, 1930 U.S. census, Town of Plattekill, Ulster Co., ED 56–44, sheet 6A, dw. 123, fam. 130 (NARA T626, roll 1655).

⁵⁷¹ No record has been found linking Frank Franklin to Rachel except that he was named as the father of two of her children. See Betty Jane Williams entry, Index to U.S. Social Security Applications 1936–2007, *Ancestry.com*, which records her birth information as 2 June 1926, Gardiner, N.Y., daughter of Frank Franklin and Rachel Mavin, and her death as 4 Oct. 1997. Also Vivian Franklin death cert., New York City, Brooklyn Borough, 1933, #24,378, which indicates she was daughter of Frank Franklin and Rachel Maven, born 1931 in New Paltz, died 1933 in Brooklyn, and was buried in New Paltz.

⁵⁷² "Charged With Failure to Provide for Children," *Kingston Daily Freeman*, 2 June 1932, p. 13, col. 6.

⁵⁷³ Daughter Vivian died in 1933 in Brooklyn (note 565). "Charged With Failure to Provide for Children" (note 572), which said Rachel was "of Plattekill."

⁵⁷⁴ Rachel Franklin household, 1940 U.S. census, Brooklyn Borough, Kings Co., E.D. 24–637, sheet 7A, household 115 (NARA T627, roll 2562). Rachel, recorded as a widow, had five children with the Franklin surname: Oliver, 16, born in Kingston; Robert, 14, Kingston; Betty, 13, Gardiner; Anna Mae, 12, Kingston; Grace, 10, Modena. She also had three children with the surname [Dwner?], all born in Brooklyn: Earl, age 4; John, 3; and Margaret, 2.

SOME ANCESTORS OF NELLY JANE (FRANKLIN) LEFEVRE: AN AFRICAN AMERICAN OF THE MID-HUDSON VALLEY

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(Continued from THE RECORD 146:298)

9. **HARRIET L.³ FRANKLIN** (Samuel², Nancy¹ Franklin) was born in Ulster County about 1857–1860.⁵⁷⁵ She died in Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County, at the home of her son, Augustus B. Johnson, 26 June 1936, aged 76, and was buried in Greenridge Cemetery, Saratoga Springs.⁵⁷⁶ She married first after 21 June 1883, when she bought a cemetery plot,⁵⁷⁷ and before December 1886 (court case) **DAVID DEYO**,⁵⁷⁸ who died before 1891, when Harriet was listed as his widow in the city directory.⁵⁷⁹ She married second after the 1892 census⁵⁸⁰ and before 1897 (first-known child) **GEORGE L. JOHNSON**,⁵⁸¹ who “removed to Boston, Massachusetts,” by 1899.⁵⁸²

Harriet was unmarried and lived in Milton, Town of Gardiner, Ulster County, on 21 June 1883, when she completed payments on cemetery plot C-136 in New Paltz Rural Cemetery. She probably purchased the site for the burial of her father, Samuel Franklin, who died in Milton in December 1882.⁵⁸³

In 1892 Harriott Deyoe was a laundress living in Saratoga Springs with two children: Annie, age 9, and Mark M. Deyoe Jr., age 5.⁵⁸⁴ Over the years after

⁵⁷⁵ Harriett was age 2 in the 1860 census (Samuel Franklin household, 1860 U.S. census, Town of Gardiner, Ulster Co., pp. 170–71, dw. 1149, fam. 1239 [National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) M653, roll 871]). Two records suggest a later birth year: Harriette L. Johnson obituary, *The Saratogian* (Saratoga Springs, N.Y.), 27 June 1936, p. 2, col. 1, which says she died aged 76; Harriett L. Johnson, 1930 U.S. census, Saratoga Springs, Ward 3, Saratoga Co., Enumeration District [ED] 42, sheet 10A, dw. 204, fam. 267 (NARA T626, roll 1643), which says she first married at age 22.

⁵⁷⁶ Harriette L. Johnson obituary (note 575).

⁵⁷⁷ Harriet L. Franklin (“colored,” of Milton) entry, “Book of Deeds, New Paltz Rural Cemetery Organized Feb. 18, 1861,” p. 261 (manuscript, Haviland–Heidgerd Collection, Elting Memorial Library, New Paltz).

⁵⁷⁸ She was called “Harriet L. Deyo, wife of David Deyo,” in Alexander Barclay vs. Phebe A. Franklin et al., Orange Co. Supreme Court Minutes, 15:226, Orange Co. Clerk’s office, Goshen. Also, Barclay vs. Franklin et al., legal notice, *The Newburgh Register*, 10 Dec. 1886, p. 4, col. 1, dated 7 Oct. 1886. In 1892 daughter Annie Deyo was age 9, so Harriet’s marriage to David Deyo was likely about 1883 (Harriott Deyoe household, 1892 N.Y. state census, Saratoga Springs, Election District [Elec. Dist.] 6, Saratoga Co., p. 8).

⁵⁷⁹ *Kirwin’s Saratoga Springs Directory, 1891* (Lockport, N.Y.: William H. Kirwin, 1891), 137, which includes “Harriet [Deyoe] widow of David, h 64 Walworth St.”

⁵⁸⁰ Harriott Deyoe household, 1892 N.Y. state census, Saratoga Co. (note 578).

⁵⁸¹ Both parents are named on their son’s marriage record (Augustus Burrell [Burell] Johnson–Eva [Maria?] Clough marriage, Saratoga Co. Marriages, 1918, #4617 [Family History Library, Salt Lake City, microfilm (FHL) 1,287,474]). Harriette L. Johnson obituary (note 575). Augustus Burrell Johnson draft registration, 1918, #1369, World War I Draft Registration Cards, *Ancestry.com*, which gives his birth date as 5 Nov. 1897.

⁵⁸² George L. Johnson, laborer, was listed in the 1898 Saratoga Springs directory (*Directory of Saratoga Springs . . . 1898* [Saratoga Springs: The Saratogian, 1898], 201). The 1899 directory reports his removal to Boston (similar title [1899], 220–21). Harriet L. Johnson was listed as “widow of George L., laundress,” in the 1900 and 1901 directories (similar titles [1900], 224; [1901], 204), and as Mrs. Harriet L. Johnson, laundress, in 1904 and 1905 (similar titles [1904], 137; [1905], 147). The family was not found in the 1900 U.S. census of Saratoga Co., nor was George found in Boston.

⁵⁸³ “Book of Deeds, New Paltz Rural Cemetery” (note 577), p. 261.

⁵⁸⁴ Harriott Deyoe household, 1892 N.Y. state census, Saratoga Co. (note 578).

George died, her household at various times included her children, her daughter Anna's three spouses (Moses Reid, Harry Arnun, and Henry Thompson), both Augustus's and her grandson Ernest's spouses (Eva and Margaret respectively), and finally Augustus's family.⁵⁸⁵ She was living with Augustus when she died.⁵⁸⁶

Harriet lived in Saratoga Springs for forty-nine years. She was an active member of the Dyer Phelps Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church "in which she was ordained as a mother" by Rev. J. L. White.⁵⁸⁷

Children of David and Harriet L.³ (Franklin) Deyo:

- i. ANNA⁴ DEYO was born about 1882–1887⁵⁸⁸ and died after 1965, probably in Schenectady.⁵⁸⁹ She married first about 1906–1907 MOSES REID,⁵⁹⁰ born in Virginia about 1871–1872. He worked as a waiter in a hotel.⁵⁹¹ She married second before 1915 HARRY ARNUM, who was born about 1886–1887.⁵⁹² She married third after the 1925 state census HENRY THOMPSON.⁵⁹³ Henry was born in Virginia about 1896–1897 and died in Schenectady after 1942.⁵⁹⁴ They lived in Saratoga Springs from 1924 to 1941. Henry worked as a chef there until 1936, when he began working in Schenectady, although they continued living in Saratoga until 1942.⁵⁹⁵ In that year they were both living in Schenectady, where Henry was a chef at 268 State Street.⁵⁹⁶

Although Anna's son, Ernest, was described as Harriet's son in several records, including Harriet's obituary, Anna [Deyo] Reid's entry in the 1910 census describes her as the mother of one child, one living, and lists Ernest Reid, age 9, as the grandson of Harriett Johnson, the head of the household.⁵⁹⁷ In addition, Ernest's next

⁵⁸⁵ This family was not located in 1900. Mrs. H. Johnson, 1905 N.Y. state census, Saratoga Springs, Ward 5, Elec. Dist. 10, Saratoga Co., p. 18; Harriett Johnson household, 1910 U.S. census, Saratoga Springs, Ward 5, Saratoga Co., ED 134, sheet 7B, dw. 119, fam. 137 (NARA T624, roll 1076); Harriett Johnson household, 1915 N.Y. state census, Saratoga Springs, Ward 5, Elec. Dist. 10, Saratoga Co., p. 11 (25 Cowan St.); Harriet Johnson in George [sic, Augustus] Johnson household, 1920 U.S. census, Saratoga Springs, Saratoga Co., ED 144, sheet 10A, dw. 183, fam. 217 (NARA T625, roll 1261); Harriett Johnson household, 1925 N.Y. state census, Saratoga Springs, Elec. Dist. 10, Saratoga Co., p. 23, dw. 76; Harriett L. Johnson household, 1930 U.S. census, Saratoga Co. (note 575).

⁵⁸⁶ Harriette L. Johnson obituary (note 576).

⁵⁸⁷ Harriette L. Johnson obituary (note 576).

⁵⁸⁸ Anna's reported age was 9 in 1892 (note 578), 21 in 1905 (note 585), 25 in 1910 (note 597), 28 in 1915 (note 585), 42 in 1925 (note 593), 54 in 1940 (note 594).

⁵⁸⁹ Augustus B. Johnson obituary, "Gus Johnson, Retired Chef at Skidmore," *The Saratogian*, 5 Nov. 1965, p. 13, col. 2, which indicates he died at his sister Annie Thompson's house in Schenectady. Also Edith Oliver obituary, *The Saratogian*, 11 Sept. 1965, p. 3, col. 3, which indicates she was survived by her cousin Mrs. Anna Thompson of Schenectady.

⁵⁹⁰ Moses and Anna Reid had been married three years in 1910 (Harriett Johnson household, 1910 U.S. census [note 585]).

⁵⁹¹ Moses Reid in Harriett Johnson household, 1910 U.S. census (note 585).

⁵⁹² Harry and Anna Arnun in Harriett Johnson household, 1915 N.Y. state census, Saratoga Co. (note 585).

⁵⁹³ Henry Thompson was a lodger in Anna Johnson household, 1925 N.Y. state census, Saratoga Springs, Elec. Dist. 10, Saratoga Co., p. 19 (11 Cowan St.).

⁵⁹⁴ Anna and Henry were not found in 1930. Henry Thompson household, 1940 U.S. census, Schenectady, Ward 4, Schenectady Co., ED 47-36, sheet 9B, fam. 221 (NARA T627, roll 2775). *Manning's Schenectady and Scotia (New York) Directory for Year Beginning May, 1942* (Schenectady, N.Y.: H. A. Manning Co., 1942), 707.

⁵⁹⁵ *Directory of the City of Saratoga Springs, New York . . . 1924* (Saratoga Springs: The Saratogian, 1924), 192, 278, listing Henry Thompson and Annie Johnson both residing at 11 Cowen; similar title for (1925), 187, 270, again both at 11 Cowen; (1926), 190, with both listed under the surname Johnson, at 11 Cowen; (1927), 269, "Henry H. Thompson (Anna)," residing 11 Cowen; (1933), 276; *Manning's Saratoga Springs and Ballston Spa (New York) Directory for Year Beginning July, 1936* (Schenectady, N.Y.: H. A. Manning Co., 1936), 159, which shows them living in Saratoga Springs, but Henry employed in Schenectady. This continued through 1941 (*Manning's Saratoga Springs and Schuylerville (N.Y.) Directory for Year Beginning July, 1941* [Schenectady, N.Y.: H. A. Manning Co., 1941], 153).

⁵⁹⁶ *Manning's Schenectady and Scotia (New York) Directory for Year Beginning May, 1942* (note 594), 707.

⁵⁹⁷ Harriette L. Johnson obituary (note 576). Harriett Johnson household, 1910 U.S. census, Saratoga Co. (note 585). Ernest was also named as a brother of Augustus (Augustus B. Johnson obituary [note 589]). He was raised in Harriet Johnson's household, but he was her grandson.

of kin noted on his draft registration was “Anna Johnson (mother).”⁵⁹⁸ Ernest used the name Johnson in most records. He married Margaret [–?] before 1925.⁵⁹⁹

- ii. [Possibly] MARK M.⁴ DEYO Jr. was born about 1886–1887⁶⁰⁰ and may have died before 1905.⁶⁰¹

Child of George J. and Harriet L.³ (Franklin) Johnson:

- iii. AUGUSTUS “GUS” BURELL⁴ JOHNSON was born in Saratoga Springs 5 November 1897.⁶⁰² He died at Ellis Hospital, Schenectady, 3 November 1965, aged 67, and was buried in Greenridge Cemetery, Saratoga Springs.⁶⁰³ Augustus married 10 September 1918 EVA M. CLOUGH.⁶⁰⁴ Eva was born in Kinderhook, Columbia County, 13 July 1898, died at Saratoga Hospital, Saratoga Springs, 19 June 1963, aged 64, and was buried in Greenridge Cemetery.⁶⁰⁵ She was daughter of George and Ella L. (Foster) Clough.⁶⁰⁶

In 1918 Augustus worked as a waiter at the Columbian Hotel.⁶⁰⁷ In 1920 and 1930 he and Eva lived with his mother.⁶⁰⁸ He worked as a chef at Skidmore College for forty-five years and retired from there. After Eva died in 1963, he lived with his sister, Mrs. Henry Thompson, in Schenectady. He and Eva were members of the A.M.E. Zion Church in Saratoga Springs. Augustus was a member of Mt. Lebanon Lodge No. 33, F. & A.M. [Free and Accepted Masons], Saratoga Springs.⁶⁰⁹

10. **ROBERT³ SCHOONMAKER** (Rachel² Schoonmaker, Nancy¹ Franklin) was born in Orange County (1875 census) about 1835–1837 (perhaps in February 1835).⁶¹⁰ He died in Newburgh 22 April 1906.⁶¹¹ Robert married first before say

⁵⁹⁸ Ernest James Johnson draft registration, #373, 12 Sept. 1918, Saratoga Springs, World War I Draft Registration Cards, *Ancestry.com*.

⁵⁹⁹ Harriett Johnson household, 1925 N.Y. state census, Saratoga Co. (note 585).

⁶⁰⁰ Mark M. Deyoe Jr. in Harriott Deyoe household, 1892 N.Y. state census, Saratoga Co. (note 578). The 1892 state census does not record relationships, and he may not be her child. Mark was called “Jr.” (although Harriett’s husband was David) and did not appear in any other record with Harriett.

⁶⁰¹ Mark was not on Harriett’s 1905 census (note 585).

⁶⁰² Augustus Burell Johnson draft registration (note 581).

⁶⁰³ Augustus B. Johnson obituary (note 589).

⁶⁰⁴ Augustus Burell [Burell] Johnson–Eva [Maria?] Clough marriage (note 581), in which Ernest Johnson stood as witness. Eva’s identity is also proved by her brother’s obituary naming his sister Mrs. Augustus Johnson of Saratoga as a survivor (Burton Clow obituary, *The Saratogian*, 25 Mar. 1963, p. 11, col. 1).

⁶⁰⁵ Eva Johnson obituary, “Mrs. Johnson Dies at 64,” *Schenectady Gazette*, 20 June 1963, p. 10, col. 3. Her survivors included her husband, Augustus B. Johnson; one sister, Lillian Clow, of Saratoga Springs; and two brothers, William and Arthur Clow of Albany. Eva M. Johnson funeral notice, *The Saratogian*, 20 June 1963, p. 16, col. 3.

⁶⁰⁶ Augustus Burell [Burell] Johnson–Eva [Maria?] Clough marriage (note 581).

⁶⁰⁷ Augustus Burell Johnson draft registration (note 581).

⁶⁰⁸ Harriett L. Johnson household, 1930 U.S. census, Saratoga Co. (note 575).

⁶⁰⁹ Eva Johnson obituary (note 605). Augustus B. Johnson obituary (note 589). Mt. Lebanon Lodge No. 33, organized in the 1870s, was the first black fraternal organization in Saratoga Springs and for many years the only black Masonic chapter (Myra B. Young Armstead, “*Lord, Please Don’t Take Me in Anguish*”: *African Americans in Newport and Saratoga Springs, 1870–1930* [Urbana, Ill.: University of Illinois Press, 1999], 92).

⁶¹⁰ His age as reported in censuses suggest his birth between 1835 and 1837; Feb. 1835 was given in the 1900 census (Robt. Schoonmaker household, 1860 U.S. census, Newburgh, Orange Co., p. 329, dw. 1911, fam. 2608 [NARA M653, roll 834]; Robert Schoonmaker in Orange Hotel, 1870 U.S. census, Newburgh, Ward 3, Orange Co., p. 60, dw. 373, fam. 482 [NARA M593, roll 1069]; Robert Schoonmaker household, 1875 N.Y. state census, Newburgh, Ward 1, Elec. Dist. 2, Orange Co., p. 10, dw. 49, fam. 92; Robert Schoonmaker household, 1880 U.S. census, Newburgh, Orange Co., ED 31, p. 23, dw. 158, fam. 235 [NARA T9, roll 911]. Robert Schoonmaker household, 1900 U.S. census, Newburgh, Ward 5, Orange Co., ED 42, sheet 15A–B, dw. 252, fam. 335 [NARA T623, roll 1141]). There are no 1892 and 1905 extant state censuses for Newburgh. Robert Schoonmaker has not been located in 1855.

⁶¹¹ The 1906 directory included the notation “Robert, waiter, died April 22, 1906” (*Waite’s Newburgh City Directory for 1906* [Newburgh: L. P. Waite & Co., 1906], 394. Robert Schoonmaker entry, N.Y. State Index to Deaths, citing his death in Newburgh 22 Apr. 1906, cert. #17,257; the original was not examined. No obituary has been found.

1852 (first-known child) ANNA [—?—], who was born in New York about 1835–1836⁶¹² and died probably about 1860–1863.⁶¹³ He married second by 1875 (census)⁶¹⁴ ANTOINETTE/ANNETTE ([—?—]) KING, born in Orange County about 1828–1835, perhaps in July 1829,⁶¹⁵ and died in Newburgh 24 February 1908.⁶¹⁶ Antoinette was the widow of Henry King.⁶¹⁷

In the 1860 census of Newburgh, Robert and Anna are listed with Anna, age 8, Jeremiah, age 4, and Thos., age 1, apparently their children.⁶¹⁸ Six-year-old Thomas, age 6, was living with his paternal grandparents in 1865, along with an apparent sister, Mary, age 4.⁶¹⁹ Robert's first wife, Anna, probably died after the birth of Mary about 1860–1861 and before June 1863, when he registered for the draft as a single man employed as a porter.⁶²⁰ Robert was a waiter living with his father at Washington and Mill Streets, Newburgh, in 1864.⁶²¹

In the 1865 census of Newburgh Robert Schoonmaker, age 22, and his brother John Schoonmaker, age 20, were both servants in the hotel owned by W. I. Hutchinson. John was married; Robert was single.⁶²² Robert's future wife, Antoinette King (mother of five children, married once and then a widow), was in Newburgh that year with her children, all surnamed King (Samuel, age 13, Francis, age 12, Elizabeth, age 6, John, age 4, and Euphemia, age 2). Also living in her household was a boarder, Edward Schoonmaker, age 26, single, born in Orange County.⁶²³ In 1855 and 1860 Antoinette was with her first husband,

⁶¹² Robt. Schoonmaker household, 1860 U.S. census, Newburgh, Orange Co. (note 610), in which her age was 24.

⁶¹³ In June 1863 Robert registered for the draft in Newburgh and reported himself as single (Robert Schoonmaker Civil War draft registration, June 1863, Newburgh, Orange Co., p. 97, U.S. Civil War Draft Registrations, 1863–1865, digital image, *Ancestry.com*). The couple likely had a daughter Mary born about 1860–1861 (see discussion below), suggesting that Anna died between 1860 and June of 1863.

⁶¹⁴ According to the 1900 census, Robert and Antoinette had been married thirty-five years, or 1864–1865. Their first-known child (James) was born about 1867–1868 (1875 census [note 610]). However that child was not with Antoinette in 1870, nor was he found with other known relatives. She was called Robert's wife in 1875 (note 610).

⁶¹⁵ Her 1900 census entry says July 1829, but other censuses suggest a range 1828–1835 (Henry King household, 1855 N.Y. state census, Newburgh, Elec. Dist. 1, Orange Co., p. 32, dw. 202, fam. 307; Henry King household, 1860 U.S. census, Newburgh, Orange Co., p. 311, dw. 1807, fam. 2446 [NARA M653, roll 834]; Antenett King household, 1870 U.S. census, Newburgh, Ward 1, Orange Co., p. 98, dw. 468, fam. 855 [NARA M593, roll 1069]; Robert Schoonmaker household, 1875 N.Y. state census, Orange Co. [note 610], which gives her place of birth; Robert Schoonmaker household, 1900 U.S. census, Orange Co. [note 610]).

⁶¹⁶ Annetta's date of death was recorded in the 1908 city directory (*Waite's Newburgh City Directory for 1908* [Newburgh: L. P. Waite & Co., 1908], 398). Annetta Schoonmaker entry, N.Y. State Index to Deaths, citing her death in Newburgh 24 Feb. 1908, cert. #9443; the original cert. has not been examined.

⁶¹⁷ Henry and Antoinette King were together in the 1855 and 1860 Newburgh censuses (note 615), along with children matching the profile of Robert's step-children in later censuses.

⁶¹⁸ Robt. Schoonmaker household, 1860 U.S. census, Newburgh, Orange Co. (note 610).

⁶¹⁹ Peter Schoonmaker household, 1865 N.Y. state census, Newburgh, Elec. Dist. 1, Orange Co., p. 57, dw. 208, fam. 404.

⁶²⁰ Robert Schoonmaker Civil War draft registration (note 613).

⁶²¹ *The Newburgh Directory for 1864–1865* (Newburgh, N.Y.: Charles Eastbrook, 1864), 66.

⁶²² Robt. and John Schoonmaker in W. I. Hutchinson household, hotel owner, 1865 N.Y. state census, Newburgh, Elec. Dist. 1, Orange Co., p. 29, dw. 150, fam. 200. Whether Robert was widowed or divorced is not known.

⁶²³ Antonette King household, 1865 N.Y. state census, Newburgh, Elec. Dist. 1, Orange Co., p. 59, dw. 222, fam. 429. Edward Schoonmaker's relationship to the family is unclear, but Peter's wife, Rachel, was mother of six children and only three have been identified (Peter Schoonmaker household, 1865 N.Y. state census, Orange Co. [note 619]). In 1867–1871 Edward Schoonmaker, laborer, was living with Robert's father, Peter Schoonmaker, at Washington and Mill streets, Newburgh; Edward remained at Washington and Mill 1871–1876, but Peter moved to Mill and William; Edward was at Washington and Robinson in 1884 (*Newburgh City Directory for the Year Ending May 1, 1868* [Newburgh, N.Y.: E. M. Bittenber, 1867], 94–95; *Carter's Newburgh City Directory for the Year Ending May 1, 1870* [Newburgh, N.Y.: Charles Jannicky, 1869], 118; similar title for [1870], 113; [1871], 113; [1872], 139; [1873], 131; [1874], 134; [1876], 176; [1884], 189). When Edward registered for the draft in 1863, he said he was age 25 and married (Edward Schoonmaker

Henry King, and their children in Newburgh.⁶²⁴ She was still on her own and in Newburgh in 1870, with three children Francis, age 17, Elisabeth, age 11, and John, age 8, all surnamed King.⁶²⁵

In 1870 Robert was a waiter in the Orange Hotel in Newburgh owned by Mary Buckenham. Robert, a waiter, and Antoinette Schoonmaker were living in Newburgh in 1875 with their two children James and William. Also in the household were Robert's step-children, all surnamed King: Samuel, age 21; Frank, age 19; Mary E., age 15; John H., age 14; and Dellaphine, age 12.⁶²⁶

Robert Schoonmaker, head waiter at a hotel, and his wife, Ann [Antoinette], were in Newburgh in 1880 with their sons James and William. Dellaphine King was mistakenly surnamed Schoonmaker by the census taker. Samuel, Francis, and John, presumably also King children, were written on the lines following Dellaphine and then crossed out.⁶²⁷ In 1884 Robert, a waiter, was living at 216 Washington Street; in 1885 and 1886 he was at 218 Washington, the same address as James and J. F. Schoonmaker, the first of whom is likely his son James and the other his nephew John F., son of his brother John. He moved to 220 Washington by 1887, where he was listed with J. F. Schoonmaker, porter.⁶²⁸

Living at 281 Washington Street, Newburgh, in 1899, Robert was working as a head waiter, Annetta a laundress, and William a bootblack.⁶²⁹ In 1900 Robert was described as a day laborer and they rented their house. Their son William was in their household, along with a grandchild Geraldine Schoonmaker, age 14; a great-grandchild Isabella Elton, age 4 months, born in February 1900; an "adopted daughter" Malvina Bedine, age 8; a boarder named Catherine Coon; Robert's stepson Samuel King, born in June 1853; and Samuel's wife, Frances King.⁶³⁰ Robert, Annetta, and Geraldine Schoonmaker were living at 348 Washington, Newburgh, in 1905. Robert died in 1906. In 1907 Annetta and Geraldine were residing at 297 Broadway, Newburgh, but the 1908 directory lists "Mrs. Annetta Schoonmaker, died February 24, 1908," and "Miss Geraldine Schoonmaker removed to Roseton."⁶³¹

Civil War draft registration, June 1863, Newburgh, Orange Co., p. 99, U.S. Civil War Draft Registrations, 1863–1865, digital image, *Ancestry.com*.

⁶²⁴ Henry King household, 1860 U.S. census, Orange Co. (note 615); Henry King household, 1855 N.Y. state census, Orange Co. (note 615).

⁶²⁵ Antennett King household, 1870 U.S. census, Orange Co. (note 615).

⁶²⁶ Robert Schoonmaker in Orange Hotel, 1870 U.S. census, Orange Co. (note 610). Robert Schoonmaker household, 1875 N.Y. state census, Orange Co. (note 610).

⁶²⁷ Robert Schoonmaker household, 1880 U.S. census, Orange Co. (note 610).

⁶²⁸ *Newburgh City Directory for the Year 1884–5* (Newburgh: L. H. Crum & Co., 1884), 184; *Carter's Newburgh Directory for 1885* (Newburgh: L. P. Waite & Co., 1885), 200; *Waite's Newburgh City Directory for 1886* (Newburgh: L. P. Waite & Co., 1886), 219–20; similar title (1887), 243–44; (1888), 272–73. Although Robert was living in Newburgh in the 1870s, he does not appear in those city directories.

⁶²⁹ *Waite's Newburgh City Directory for 1899* (Newburgh: L. P. Waite & Co., 1899), 376–77.

⁶³⁰ Robert Schoonmaker household, 1900 U.S. census, Orange Co. (note 610). The parents of Geraldine Schoonmaker, Isabella Elton, and Malvina Bedine have not been determined.

⁶³¹ *Waite's Newburgh City Directory for 1905* (Newburgh: L. P. Waite & Co., 1905), 391; similar title (1906), 394; (1907), 400; similar title (1908), 398. Roseton, N.Y., is just north of Newburgh, Orange Co. Geraldine was not found there in 1910.

Children of Robert³ and Anna ([–?–]) Schoonmaker:

- i. [Possibly] ANNA E.⁴ SCHOONMAKER was born about 1851–1852 and died probably before 1865.⁶³²
- ii. [Possibly] JEREMIAH⁴ SCHOONMAKER was born about 1855–1856 and died probably before 1865.⁶³³
- iii. THOMAS⁴ SCHOONMAKER was born about 1857–1859, probably in Newburgh. Thomas was with his grandparents, Peter and Rachel Schoonmaker, in Newburgh in 1865 and 1870.⁶³⁴ He may be the Thomas Schoonmaker, laborer, boarding at 280 Washington Street in 1884, the same address where his father was listed in 1886. Thomas was living at City Terrace and Broadway in 1885.⁶³⁵
- iv. [Possibly] MARY⁴ SCHOONMAKER was born about 1860–1861.⁶³⁶

Children of Robert³ and Antoinette ([–?–]) Schoonmaker:⁶³⁷

- v. JAMES⁴ SCHOONMAKER was born 1867–1870. He was with his parents in 1875 and 1880.⁶³⁸ He was probably the James F. Schoonmaker, porter, boarding at 218 Washington, next door to Robert at 216 Washington in 1884. In 1885 J. F. Schoonmaker, porter, was boarding with Robert at 218 Washington. In 1886 both J. F. and James Schoonmaker were boarding there with Robert.⁶³⁹
- vi. WILLIAM⁴ SCHOONMAKER was born in Orange County in March 1870. He was with parents in 1887 and 1888, working as a porter, then a laborer. He was enumerated in his father's household in 1900, described as a single waiter, who could read and write.⁶⁴⁰ William was still with his parents in 1905 and with his mother in 1906. In 1907 he stayed at 348 Washington, while Annetta and Geraldine moved to 297 Broadway. He was still at 348 Washington in 1908.⁶⁴¹

11. **JOHN F.³ SCHOONMAKER** (Rachel² Schoonmaker, Nancy¹ Franklin) was born in Newburgh about 1843–1845,⁶⁴² died of lobar pneumonia at New York

⁶³² Anna was age 8 in 1860 (note 610), but relationships are not stated. Nothing further was found for this child. Newburgh's city death records begin after 1865.

⁶³³ Jeremiah was age 4 in 1860 (note 610), but relationships are not stated. Nothing further was found for this child. Newburgh's city death records begin after 1865.

⁶³⁴ Thomas was age 1 in 1860 (note 610); age 6 in 1865 (Peter Schoonmaker household, 1865 N.Y. state census, Orange Co. [note 619]); and age 12 in 1870 (Peter Schoonmaker household, 1870 U.S. census, Newburgh, Ward 1, Orange Co., p. 49, dw. 230, fam. 410 [NARA M593, roll 1069]).

⁶³⁵ *Newburgh City Directory for the Year 1884–5* (note 628), 184; *Carter's Newburgh Directory for 1885* (note 628), 200; *Waite's Newburgh City Directory for 1886* (note 628), 219–20

⁶³⁶ She may be the sister of Thomas, above. Both were living with Peter and Rachel Schoonmaker in 1865 (note 634); Mary was age 4, termed "grandchild."

⁶³⁷ According to the 1900 census (note 610), she was mother of fourteen children, five of whom were living. Presumably this includes her children with Henry King. Not all of these children have been identified.

⁶³⁸ See his father's 1875 and 1880 censuses (note 610).

⁶³⁹ *Newburgh City Directory for the Year 1884–5*, 184; *Carter's Newburgh Directory for 1885*, 200; *Waite's Newburgh City Directory for 1886*, 219–20 (all in note 628).

⁶⁴⁰ Robert Schoonmaker household, 1900 U.S. census, Orange Co. (note 610). See directories in note 628.

⁶⁴¹ *Waite's Newburgh City Directory for 1905* (note 631), 391; similar title (1906), 394; (1907), 400; similar title (1908), 398.

⁶⁴² John was age 6 in 1850, age 16 in 1860, age 20 in 1865, age 30 in 1875, age 52 in 1900, and age 54 at death in 1902 (Peter Schoonmaker household, 1850 U.S. census, Town of Newburgh, Orange Co., p. 44, dw. 609, fam. 611 [NARA M432, roll 573]; Peter Schoonmaker household, 1860 U.S. census, Newburgh, Orange Co., p. 313, dw. 1815, fam. 2461 [NARA M653, roll 834]; John Schoonmaker in W. I. Hutchinson household, 1865 N.Y. state census, Newburgh, Elec. Dist. 1, Orange Co., p. 29, dw. 150, fam. 200; John Schoonmaker household, 1875 N.Y. state census, Newburgh, Ward 1, Elec. Dist 2, Orange Co., p. 10, dw. 119, fam. 92; John Schoonmaker household, 1900 U.S. census, Manhattan, New York City, ED 678, sheet 14B, dw. 121, fam. 300 [NARA T623, roll 1111]; John Schoonmaker death cert., New York City, Manhattan Borough, 1902, #10719). John was not found in 1870 or 1880. John did not register for the draft in June 1863, but should have if he was at least age 20 (see note 743). This suggests that he was born after June 1843. His death cert. (this note), his marriage cert. (note 649), and his daughter Marguerite's death record (note 665) all say John was born in Newburgh.

Hospital, New York City, 5 April 1902, and was buried in Newburgh.⁶⁴³ He married first, probably before the 1865 census when he was enumerated as married, **JANE C. STILES**,⁶⁴⁴ who was born in Orange County about 1843–1844,⁶⁴⁵ daughter of Charles and Mary ([–?–]) Stiles. Jane died, probably in Newburgh, after 1875 and before 1880, when her son was in his grandfather's household.⁶⁴⁶ John may have married again, before 1880, **ELLEN ([–?–])**.⁶⁴⁷ He married second⁶⁴⁸ in New York City 8 January 1888 **GEORGIANA BRUDNELL**,⁶⁴⁹ who was born about 1851–1852,⁶⁵⁰ and died between the 1900 census and before 5 April 1902.⁶⁵¹ Georgiana was daughter of Oscar and Harriet ([–?–]) Brudnell.⁶⁵²

John, age 16, was working as a boatman in 1860, living with his parents. In the 1865 census in Newburgh Robert Schoonmaker, age 22, and his brother John Schoonmaker, age 20, were both servants in the hotel owned by W. I. Hutchinson. John was married, but Robert was single.⁶⁵³ John Schoonmaker, a waiter, was living at 201 Western Avenue, Newburgh, in 1867 and 1868. By 1869 he had moved to the corner of Ann and Mill Streets; in 1870 he was at 186 Washington Street; and in 1871 he was at 220 Washington Street, where he remained through at least 1876.⁶⁵⁴ He was enumerated in 1875 in Newburgh, working as a waiter, living with his wife Jane C., son Charles, age 7, and son John, age 5.⁶⁵⁵ By 1880 John F. Schoonmaker, janitor, was living on West 36th Street, New York City, with a “wife” Ellen and son Charles, born about 1867–1868.⁶⁵⁶

⁶⁴³ John Schoonmaker death cert. (note 642). The cemetery in Newburgh was not named, and his burial place has not been found.

⁶⁴⁴ John Schoonmaker in W. I. Hutchinson household, 1865 N.Y. state census, Orange Co. (note 642).

⁶⁴⁵ John Schoonmaker household, 1875 N.Y. state census, Orange Co. (note 642), in which she was age 31, born in Orange Co. She was age 6 in the 1850 census, age 11 in 1855, and age 16 in 1860 (note 646).

⁶⁴⁶ Jane C. was alive in 1875 (note 642). John Schoonmaker, grandson, in Charles Stiles household, 1880 U.S. census, Newburgh, Orange Co., ED 31, p. 16, dw. 119, fam. 161 (NARA T9, roll 911), living at 245 Ann St. Jane's first child was named Charles, likely for her father. Jane was in her father's household in 1850 (Charles Stile household, 1850 U.S. census, Newburgh, Orange Co., p. 117, dw. 794, fam. 852 [NARA M432, roll 573]), in 1855 (Charles Stiles household, Newburgh, Elec. Dist. 1, Orange Co., p. 35–36, dw. 228, fam. 346), and 1860 (Chas. Stiles household, 1860 U.S. census, Newburgh, Orange Co., p. 358, dw. 2098, fam. 2864 [NARA M653, roll 834]).

⁶⁴⁷ John Schoonmaker household, 1880 U.S. census, New York City, New York Co., ED 294, p. 19, dw. 73, fam. 184 (NARA T9, roll 880).

⁶⁴⁸ This was his second marriage according to the marriage cert. (note 649).

⁶⁴⁹ John F. Schoonmaker-Cornelius [*sic*, Georgiana] Brudnell marriage, New York City, 1888, #321. The death records of their two daughters (cited below) indicate her name was Georgiana. The cert. said this was her second marriage, but did not give her first married name.

⁶⁵⁰ The only evidence of Georgianna's birth year was her age of 28 (implying 1851–1852) in 1880 (note 652). She was not listed with her father's family in 1855 suggesting that the 1852 birth year is incorrect (Oscar Brudinell household, 1855 N.Y. state census, Newburgh, Elec. Dist. 1, Orange Co., p. 18, dw. 107, fam. 167). She was not found in her father's household in 1870 or 1875; her father was not located in 1860 or 1865; and she was not located on her own or with other family members 1860–1875.

⁶⁵¹ John was still recorded as married in the 1900 census (note 659), but widowed in his death record (John Schoonmaker death cert. [note 642]). Her death record was not found.

⁶⁵² John F. Schoonmaker-Cornelius [*sic*, Georgiana] Brudnell marriage (note 649), which names their parents, including Harriet. Oscar Brudnell in Newburgh had no child named Cornelius, but did have a daughter Georgiana, age 28, a laundress, in his 1880 household (Oscar Brudenell household, 1880 U.S. census, Newburgh, Ward 2, Orange Co., ED 32, p. 61, dw. 418, fam. 665 [NARA T9, roll 911]), in which his wife, Henrietta, is too young to be Georgiana's mother).

⁶⁵³ Peter Schoonmaker household, 1860 U.S. census, Newburgh, Orange Co. (note 642). Robt. and John Schoonmaker in W. I. Hutchinson household, 1865 N.Y. state census, Orange Co. (note 642).

⁶⁵⁴ *Newburgh City Directory for the Year Ending May 1, 1868* (note 623), 94; *Carter's Newburgh City Directory for the Year Ending May 1, 1869* (Newburgh, N.Y.: Charles Jannicky, 1868), 112; similar titles (1869), 118; (1870), 113; (1871), 113; (1872), 139; (1873), 130; (1874), 134; (1876), 176.

⁶⁵⁵ John Schoonmaker household, 1875 N.Y. state census, Orange Co. (note 642).

⁶⁵⁶ John Schoonmaker household, 1880 U.S. census, New York Co. (note 647). No marriage record was found for John and Ellen, and when he married Georgianna, it was his second marriage, not his third.

He was listed in directories of New York City from 1880 through 1897, always at 124 West 36th Street,⁶⁵⁷ the same address where he resided when he married, when his daughters were born, and when he died.⁶⁵⁸ John was in Manhattan in 1900, working as a janitor; his widowed son, Charles, a day laborer, was living with him. Although John was described as married, Georgiana was not in the household.⁶⁵⁹

Children of John³ and Jane C. (Stiles) Schoonmaker:

- i. CHARLES⁴ SCHOONMAKER was born in Orange County about 1867–1868, perhaps in January 1867. Charles was living with his father in 1880 in New York City and again in 1900, in the latter described as a widowed day laborer.⁶⁶⁰ Charles was not listed in city directories as his father was, but was at least with him in 1880 and 1900.
- ii. JOHN⁴ SCHOONMAKER was born in Orange County about 1869–1870.⁶⁶¹ He was described as grandson of Charles Stiles in the 1880 census of Newburgh.⁶⁶² He may be the J. F. Schoonmaker, “paster,” boarding at 218 Washington in 1884, next door to his uncle Robert, but “J. F.” could be Robert’s son James (see discussion above).⁶⁶³ In 1886 both James and J. F. Schoonmaker—the latter a porter working at 34 Colden—were boarding with Robert at 218 Washington.⁶⁶⁴

Children of John³ and Georgiana (Brudnell) Schoonmaker:

- iii. MARGUERITE⁴ SCHOONMAKER, born in New York City 27 June 1890 (calculated); died of “tuberculosis” in New York City 7 March 1893, aged 2 years, 8 months, 10 days.⁶⁶⁵
- iv. GEORGIANNA⁴ SCHOONMAKER, born in New York City 28 April 1892 (calculated), died of “gastric enteritis” in New York City 3 August 1892, aged 3 months, 5 days, buried in Evergreens Cemetery.⁶⁶⁶

12. **ANDREW J.⁴ FRANKLIN/GREEN** (Diana³, Samuel², Nancy¹ Franklin) was born about 1847–1850.⁶⁶⁷ In 1882 Andrew reportedly left the family,⁶⁶⁸ his date

⁶⁵⁷ *Trow's New York City Directory for the Year Ending May 1, 1880* (New York: Trow City Directory Co., 1880), 1352; similar titles for (1881), 1381; (1883), 1486; (1885), 1566; (1888), 1766; (1890), 1781; (1892), 1224; (1894), 1252; (1896), 1286; (1897), 1296. He was not listed before 1880 or after 1897.

⁶⁵⁸ John Schoonmaker death cert. (note 642); John F. Schoonmaker-Cornelius [*sic*, Georgiana] Brudnell marriage (note 649).

⁶⁵⁹ John Schoonmaker household, 1900 U.S. census, New York City (note 642). The 1892 state census is not extant for Newburgh or Manhattan.

⁶⁶⁰ John Schoonmaker household, 1880 U.S. census, New York City, New York Co. (note 656). John Schoonmaker household, 1875 N.Y. state census, Orange Co. (note 642), in which he was age 7. John Schoonmaker household, 1900 U.S. census, Manhattan Borough (note 659).

⁶⁶¹ John Schoonmaker household, 1875 N.Y. state census, Orange Co. (note 642), in which he was age 5.

⁶⁶² John Schoonmaker in Charles Stiles household, 1880 U.S. census, Orange Co. (note 646).

⁶⁶³ *Carter's Newburgh City Directory for 1884* (note 628), 189.

⁶⁶⁴ *Newburgh City Directory for the Year 1884–5*, 184; *Carter's Newburgh Directory for 1885*, 200; *Waite's Newburgh City Directory for 1886*, 219–20 (all in note 628).

⁶⁶⁵ Marguerite Schoonmaker death cert., New York City Deaths, 1893, #8,215; place of burial illegible.

⁶⁶⁶ Georgianna Schoonmaker death cert., New York City Deaths, 1892, #28,952.

⁶⁶⁷ His ages listed in the 1855, 1860, and 1875 censuses suggest a year of birth in the range of 1847–1850; however, his birth record was not recorded by the New Paltz town clerk and Plattekill has no records from this time period (“Return of Town Clerks—Births,” 2 Jan. 1847 through 20 Dec. 1849, Town of New Paltz, Ulster Co., Ulster Co. Hall of Records, Kingston). Diana’s children were not found in the 1850 census.

⁶⁶⁸ Andrew may have eloped with “a married woman named Plumstead” (“Ulster County,” *Poughkeepsie Daily Eagle*, 28 June 1882, p. 1, col. 3). Another newspaper paired the wife of Uriah Plumstead with a Negro man, John A. Williams (“Left her home with a Negro,” *Hudson Evening Register* [Hudson, N.Y.], 11 Sept. 1882, p. 3, col. 3). Julia Plumstead was Uriah’s wife (Julia Plumstead in Uriah Plumstead household, 1880 U.S. census, Town of Plattekill, Ulster Co., ED 144, p. 56-A [stamped], sheet 9, dw. 59, fam. 69 [NARA T9, roll 940]), but the identity of her companion is not certain. She is the only Plumstead of likely age enumerated in Ulster Co.; she and Andrew both lived in the Town of Plattekill. Other Plumsteads lived in Orange Co.

and place of death are unknown.⁶⁶⁹ He married in the parsonage of the Reformed Dutch Church of New Paltz 1 January 1868 **CHARLOTTE SCHOONMAKER** of Hampton, Orange County.⁶⁷⁰ Charlotte was born in Ulster County about 1849–1851,⁶⁷¹ daughter of Simon and Isabella Schoonmaker.⁶⁷² She died 4 July 1931, aged 71, at 17 Leonard Street, Ossining, Westchester County, and was buried in Dale Cemetery there.⁶⁷³ She married second about 1896 Daniel H. Smith,⁶⁷⁴ who was born about April 1866,⁶⁷⁵ to David H. and Eliza (Cole) Smith.⁶⁷⁶ Daniel died before 1910.⁶⁷⁷ Charlotte and Daniel had two children, Herbert Landon Smith⁶⁷⁸ and Laura/Loretta Smith,⁶⁷⁹ both of whom maintained close contact with their Franklin half-siblings.

⁶⁶⁹ Andrew's whereabouts were unknown in 1886 (Alexander Barclay vs. Phebe A. Franklin et al.; also Barclay vs. Franklin, et al., legal notice [both in note 578]).

⁶⁷⁰ Andrew Franklin-Charlotte Schoonmaker marriage notice, *New Paltz Independent*, 10 Jan. 1868, p. 2, col. 7. Andrew Franklin-Charlotte Schoonmaker marriage, Reformed Church of New Paltz, "Register of Church Members and Marriages," Vol. 9, unpaginated, arranged chronologically, original held by the church. Neither record of marriage names their parents.

⁶⁷¹ In 1855 Charlotte was age 5, born in Ulster Co. (Simon Schoonmaker household, Town of Gardiner, Ulster Co., p. 37, dw. 283, fam. 298); she was age 9 in 1860 (Simon Schoonmaker household, 1860 U.S. census, Town of Newburgh, Orange Co., p. 40, dw. 245, fam. 290 [NARA M653, roll 834]). The family has not been found in 1850. She was reportedly aged 71 at death (Charlotte Smith obituary, *Citizen-Register* [Ossining, N.Y.], 5 July 1931, p. 3, col. 5). Her parents married 10 May 1850 (Simon Schoonmaker-Isabella Deyo marriage in Kenneth Hasbrouck, "Guilford Marriages 1834–1911, Guilford Church Records, Guilford Reformed Dutch Church" [typescript, 1952, Historic Huguenot Street Archives, New Paltz], 4). She was age 17 when she first married (Sharett Smith in Andrew Franklin household, 1930 U.S. census, Ossining, Ward 3, Westchester Co., ED 60-300, p. 23B, dw. 288, fam. 495 [NARA T626, roll 1664]).

⁶⁷² Simon Schoonmaker household, 1855 N.Y. state census, Ulster Co. (note 671), in which Charlotte was age 5 and she was named as "child."

⁶⁷³ Charlotte Smith obituary (note 671).

⁶⁷⁴ Charlotte Franklin was listed as a widow in 1896 (R. V. LeRay's *Poughkeepsie City Directory* [Poughkeepsie: R. V. LeRay, 1896], 160). Charlotte Smith obituary (note 671), which names her as widow of Daniel Smith. They had been married four years in 1900, although they had children Herbert Smith, age 12, and Laura Smith, age 8, and Charlotte was called the mother of seven children, seven living (Daniel Smith household, 1900 U.S. census, Town of Marlborough, Ulster Co., ED 118, sheet 16A, dw. 315, fam. 335 [NARA T623, roll 1170]). Herbert and his sister Laura/Loretta were born after Andrew reportedly left the family, but years before their mother married Daniel Smith; Daniel may be the father or step-father (see discussion, note 678).

⁶⁷⁵ Daniel Smith household, 1900 U.S. census, Ulster Co. (note 674).

⁶⁷⁶ David H. Smith household, 1870 U.S. census, Town of Gardiner, Ulster Co., p. 18, dw. 125, fam. 123 (NARA M593, roll 1105), in which Daniel H. was age 3. David Smith married Eliza Cole (colored) 27 Feb. 1867 at Guilford Dutch Reformed Church (Hasbrouck, "Guilford Marriages 1834–1911" [note 671], 7).

⁶⁷⁷ Charlotte Smith, widow, in William Bush household, 1910 U.S. census, Poughkeepsie, Ward 4, Dutchess Co., ED 68, sheet 22A, dw. 383, fam. 628 (NARA T624, roll 936). R. V. LeRay's *Poughkeepsie City Directory* . . . 1910 (Poughkeepsie: R. V. LeRay, 1909), 315, which calls her widow of Daniel Smith.

⁶⁷⁸ Herbert was born in Modena, Ulster Co., 2 Jan. 1890 according to his WWI draft registration (Herbert Smith draft registration, Poughkeepsie, #149, 5 June 1917, digital image, *Ancestry.com*); or in Dec. 1887 (1900 census [note 674]); he was age 4 in 1892 (Herbert Franklin in Charlotte Franklin household, 1892 N.Y. state census, Poughkeepsie, Ward 5, Elec. Dist. 1, Dutchess Co., p. 8). He died in Poughkeepsie 5 Jan. 1962, aged 74 (Herbert Smith obituary, *Poughkeepsie Journal*, 7 Jan. 1962, p. 8, col. 1). His obituary stated that he was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Smith; was born in Modena, Ulster Co.; had worked as a trucker for Federal Bearing Co. for twenty years before retiring in 1957; and his wife, the former Henrietta Jackson, had died twelve years before him. He was survived by a daughter, Mrs. Florence Smith of Poughkeepsie, a sister Loretta Busch of Ossining, and grandsons Allan L. and Donald Smith of Poughkeepsie. He married Henrietta about 1909; she was born in July 1892 (1900 census [note 674]) and died in Poughkeepsie 7 Mar. 1945, aged 54 (Mrs. Herbert Smith obituary, *Poughkeepsie New Yorker*, 7 Mar. 1945, p. 4, col. 3, which indicates she was born in Newburgh, Orange Co., daughter of the late William and Margaret Jacklyn[son]).

⁶⁷⁹ Loretta was born about 1890–1892; she was age 1 in 1892 (Laura Franklin in Charlotte Franklin household, 1892 N.Y. state census, Dutchess Co., [note 678]); born Jan. 1892 (Daniel Smith household, 1900 U.S. census, Ulster Co. [note 674]). She died after 3 Aug. 1962, when she signed an application for a military marker for her son, who served in WWII (Application for gravestone for William W. Bush, DD Form 1330, digital image, *Ancestry.com*). She married about 1909 William Bush (William Bush household, 1910 U.S. census, Dutchess Co. [note 677], which indicates they had been married for one year).

A picnic and dance for the “colored people of New Paltz and vicinity” was held at Andrew J. Franklin’s residence in New Paltz on Thursday, 25 September 1879.⁶⁸⁰ Andrew and Charlotte were in the Town of Gardiner in 1870 and 1875, then the Town of Plattekill, Ulster County, in 1880.⁶⁸¹ In 1892 Charlotte, age 35, was in Poughkeepsie with Annie, 24, Jennie, 14, Herbert, 4, and Laura, 1.⁶⁸² She was in Poughkeepsie in 1891; in 1896 she was called a widow.⁶⁸³

In 1900 Daniel and Charlotte Smith were in the Town of Marlborough, Ulster County, with two children, Herbert, age 12, and Laura, age 8.⁶⁸⁴ In 1910 Charlotte was at 43 Jay St., Poughkeepsie, with her daughter and son-in-law, Lauretta and William Bush; Charlotte was a laundress and William was a driver at the livery stable.⁶⁸⁵ She was at 117 Church St., Poughkeepsie, in 1918, when her son Andrew Franklin registered for the draft.⁶⁸⁶ In 1920 she was a cook in Boston, living with her daughter and son-in-law.⁶⁸⁷ Before 1925 she moved to Ossining and lived with her son, Andrew Franklin, for the rest of her life.⁶⁸⁸

Children of Andrew⁴ and Charlotte (Schoonmaker) Franklin:⁶⁸⁹

- i. ANNA B.⁵ FRANKLIN was born 28 February 1870 (calculated) and died 8 June 1943, aged 73 years, 3 months, 11 days.⁶⁹⁰ She married first at Modena Methodist Church 12 January 1887 ABRAM TIMBROUCK.⁶⁹¹ Abram was born 12 January 1854, son of Anthony Timbrouck, and died of typhoid in New Paltz 4 April 1914.⁶⁹² Shortly after Abram’s death, Anna married second PHILLIP H. SMITH, widowed husband of her sister Jennie.⁶⁹³ Phillip was born in Milton, Ulster County, 6 October 1873 and died of a heart attack at Ossining Hospital 9 October 1950, aged 75, and was

⁶⁸⁰ *New Paltz Times*, 18 Sept. 1879, p. 3, col. 1.

⁶⁸¹ Andrew Franklin households: 1870 U.S. census, Town of Gardiner, Ulster Co. p. 11, dw. 78, fam. 78 (NARA M593, roll 1105); 1875 N.Y. state census, Town of Gardiner, Ulster Co., p. 223, dw. 132, fam. not given; 1880 U.S. census, Town of Plattekill, Ulster Co., ED 143, p. 30, dw. 247, fam. 296 (NARA T9, roll 940).

⁶⁸² Charlotte Franklin entry, 1892 N.Y. state census, Poughkeepsie (note 678).

⁶⁸³ R. V. LeRay’s *Poughkeepsie City Directory* (Poughkeepsie: R. V. LeRay, 1891), 132; similar title (1896), 160.

⁶⁸⁴ Daniel Smith household, 1900 U.S. census, Ulster Co. (note 674). Her son Andrew Franklin is listed on the same page (boarding in dw. 321, fam. 341).

⁶⁸⁵ Charlotte Smith in William Bush household, 1910 U.S. census, Dutchess Co. (note 677).

⁶⁸⁶ Andrew Franklin draft registration, #1315, 12 Sept. 1918, Ossining, Westchester Co., World War I Draft Registration Cards, *Ancestry.com*.

⁶⁸⁷ Charlotte Smith in William Bush household, 1920 U.S. census, Boston, Ward 26, Suffolk Co., Mass., ED 601, sheet 1A, dw. 1, fam. 1 (NARA T625, roll 741).

⁶⁸⁸ Charlotte Smith in Andrew Franklin household, 1925 N.Y. state census, Ossining, Elec. Dist. 6, Westchester Co., p. 18 (17 Leonard St.); Sharett Smith in Andrew Franklin household, 1930 U.S. census, Westchester Co. (note 671). Charlotte’s daughter Loretta [Smith] Bush’s family lived at the same address in 1930 (dw. 288, fam. 499).

⁶⁸⁹ Charlotte’s obituary says she married twice and was survived by five children: Andrew Franklin, Mrs. Annie [Franklin] Smith and Mrs. Loretta [Smith] Bush of Ossining; James Franklin and Herbert Smith in Poughkeepsie (Charlotte Smith obituary [note 671]). She was mother of seven children, seven living in 1900 (Daniel Smith household, 1900 U.S. census, Ulster Co. [note 674]). Andrew Franklin households (all note 681): 1870 U.S. census, Ulster Co.; 1875 N.Y. state census, Ulster Co.; 1880 U.S. census, Ulster Co.

⁶⁹⁰ Ruth Heidgerd, *New Paltz Rural Cemetery Records, 1860–1962* (typescript, 1962, Historic Huguenot Street), p. 92, which reads “hw Annie Franklyn, b. 1870, d. 6.89.1943 @73–3–11 wid. of Smith” and the previous line reads “Abram Timbrouck, b. 1862, d. 4–5–1914 @57.”

⁶⁹¹ Kenneth Hasbrouck, “Methodist Church Records, Modena, Ulster County, N.Y., 1868–1906” (typescript, 1954, Elting Library, Historic Huguenot Street), 35.

⁶⁹² Abram Timbrouck death cert., local copy, Village of New Paltz, Ulster Co., 1914, #7, Village Clerk’s office. The record includes his birth date, father’s name, and cause of death.

⁶⁹³ Phillip Smith WWI draft registration card, Ossining, Westchester Co., 12 Sept. 1918, Draft Registration Cards, *Ancestry.com*, which lists his nearest relative as “Anna Smith (wife).” Phillip Smith household, 1915 N.Y. state census, Town of Ossining, Westchester Co., Elec. Dist. 5, p. 1, listing Anna as “wife.”

buried at Dale Cemetery, Ossining.⁶⁹⁴ He was son of David H. and Eliza (Cole) Smith.⁶⁹⁵

Abram and Annie were in the Town of New Paltz, Ulster County, in 1905, with children Annie G., age 13, Edna M., age 4, and Raymond, age 10 months.⁶⁹⁶ They were in New Paltz village in 1910, with children Charles C., age 21, Annie G., age 18, Ednard M. (female), age 8, Raymon, age 5, and Hazel, age one month.⁶⁹⁷

Anna was enumerated twice in the 1915 New York state census. Listed as Anna Timbrouck, a cook in a hotel, she was in the Town of New Paltz, Ulster County, with children Edna, age 13, and Raymond, age 9. Philip and Anna Smith were recorded in Ossining the same year, with children Edna (incorrectly surnamed Smith), age 12, and William Smith, age 9.⁶⁹⁸ Phillip was working as a chauffeur in Ossining in 1920; son William Smith, age 14, was a waiter in a boarding house. In 1925 Annie was missing from the household; Phillip, a chauffeur, and his son, William H., a chef, were living at 5 Sarah Street, Ossining, without her.⁶⁹⁹ The couple and William were enumerated at 5 Sarah Street in 1930, where Phillip was working as a truck driver for a coal company. In 1940 Phillip and Annie were listed as owning their house at 5 Sarah Street, Ossining.⁷⁰⁰ When Phillip died, he was survived by one son, William H. Smith, three step-daughters, and two step-sons; the step-children were not named.⁷⁰¹

- ii. CHARLES W.⁵ FRANKLIN was born about 1871–1873, perhaps July 1873, and died in New Paltz 15 December 1906, aged 34.⁷⁰² He married about 1894–1895 EMMA L. WALKER, who was born in October 1879,⁷⁰³ and died 7 June 1938 in Yonkers, Westchester County,⁷⁰⁴ daughter of Ison and Jennie (Wynkoop) Walker. Emma married second in New Paltz 3 July 1914 Clarence W. Thompson.⁷⁰⁵

Charles and Emma were in the Town of New Paltz in 1900, with children Albert, born in January 1897 and Ester, born in December 1899. Charles W. and Emma L. Franklin were still in the Town of New Paltz in 1905, with children Albert J., age

⁶⁹⁴ Philip H. Smith obituary, *Citizen-Register*, 10 Oct. 1950, p. 9, col. 2. Phillip Smith WWI draft registration card (note 693) also provides his birth date.

⁶⁹⁵ Phillip's parents are known from his marriage to Anna's sister (Phillip Smith-Mary Jane Franklin marriage record, 1899, local copy, Town of New Paltz, Ulster Co., Town Clerk's office. Phillip, age 28, was the son of David Smith and Eliza Cole).

⁶⁹⁶ Abram Tenbrouck household, 1905 N.Y. state census, Town of New Paltz, Elec. Dist. 2, Ulster Co., p. 10.

⁶⁹⁷ Abram Tenbrouck household, 1910 U.S. census, Town of New Paltz, Ulster Co., ED 153, sheet 8A, dw. 8, fam. 8 (NARA T624, roll 1084); they had been married twenty-two years, five children, five living.

⁶⁹⁸ Anna Timbrouck, 1915 N.Y. state census, New Paltz (village), Town of New Paltz, Elec. Dist. 2, Ulster Co., p. 10. Phillip Smith household, 1915 N.Y. state census, Westchester Co. (note 693). William was Philip's son with Mary Jane/Jennie Franklin (see her section, below).

⁶⁹⁹ Phillip H. Smith household, 1920 U.S. census, Ossining, Dist. 8, Westchester Co., ED 156, sheet 1B, dw. 15, fam. 21 (NARA T625, roll 1276). Phillip Smith household, 1925 N.Y. state census, Ossining, Elec. Dist. 8, Westchester Co., p. 5.

⁷⁰⁰ Filippe Smith household, 1930 U.S. census, Ossining, Ward 3, Westchester Co., ED 300, sheet 20A, dw. 234, fam. 417 (NARA T626, roll 1664); the enumerator was Italian in a predominantly Italian neighborhood, hence Filippe Smith. Phillip Smith household, 1940 U.S. census, Ossining, Westchester Co., ED 60-261, sheet 12A, dw. (5 Sarah St.), fam. 211 (NARA T627, roll 2811). Phillip and Anne each had completed six years of schooling.

⁷⁰¹ Philip H. Smith obituary (note 694).

⁷⁰² Andrew Franklin households (both note 681): 1875 N.Y. state census, Ulster Co.; 1880 U.S. census, Ulster Co.. Charles Franklin household, 1900 U.S. census, Town of New Paltz, Ulster Co., E.D. 119, sheet 18B, dw. 348, fam. 350 (NARA T623, roll 1170). "The Death Record," *Kingston [N.Y.] Freeman*, 19 Dec. 1906, p. 7, col. 6. His age at death, 34, implies a birth date of 1872, which agrees with his age of 3 yrs. 1 mo. in the 1875 state census (note 681).

⁷⁰³ Charles Franklin household, 1900 U.S. census, Ulster Co. (note 702), which indicated they had been married for five years. Emma's maiden name is known from her second marriage (note 705).

⁷⁰⁴ Emma Thompson Johnson obituary, *The Herald Statesman* (Yonkers, N.Y.), 14 June 1938, p. 13, col. 5. Emma T. Johnson entry, N.Y. State Index to Deaths, citing her death in Yonkers, 7 June 1938, cert. #36,370; the original has not been examined.

⁷⁰⁵ Clarence W. Thompson-Emma Franklin marriage, local copy, Town of New Paltz, Ulster Co., 1914, #131, Town Clerk's office. Both were widowed. Clarence was son of William A. Thompson and Augusta Faliz.

8, Esther M., age 6, Clarence A., age 4, Lena A., age 2, and Walter W., age 3 months. In 1910 the widowed Emma Franklin was in the village of New Paltz, "washing" for "private families." She was the mother of eight children, four of whom were living and in her household: Albert, Hester, Clarence, and Lena.⁷⁰⁶

By 1915 Emma had remarried and was in Poughkeepsie with her children Ester and Clarence (incorrectly surnamed Thompson) and Eva Thompson, an infant.⁷⁰⁷ In 1920 Emma was living with her son, Clarence F., in Yonkers; she was a servant at the McAlpin Hotel, and he was a construction worker.⁷⁰⁸ She was in Yonkers in 1930 at 8 School Street, with a "roomer" named Edward Johnson.⁷⁰⁹ According to her obituary, she was Emma Thompson Johnson, aged 49, who resided at 8 School Street, Yonkers.⁷¹⁰

- iii. JAMES⁵ FRANKLIN was born in Gardiner about 1873–1874, died in Vassar Hospital, Poughkeepsie, 19 December 1943, aged 60, and was buried in Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery.⁷¹¹ He married in New Paltz 24 October 1897 MELINDA (MOREY) BUSH, widow, daughter of Louis and Elizabeth (Graves/Grames) Morey.⁷¹² Melinda was born about 1870–1874 and died in Vassar Hospital, Poughkeepsie, 24 October 1932, aged 60. She was survived by six sons: William, James Jr., Leroy, Harold, Daniel, and Kenneth; three daughters: Grace, Lillian, and Anna; and "two brothers George and Harry Tuttle of New Paltz."⁷¹³ At his death in 1943, James was survived by five sons ("James Franklin, Brewster; LeRoy and Harold Franklin, New York City; and Daniel and Kenneth Franklin here"), two daughters ("Mrs. Grace Tuttle, Clintondale, and Mrs. Anna Briscoe, New York City"), a brother Herbert Smith of New York City, and a sister Mrs. Bush, Ossining.⁷¹⁴ One of James's survivors, called his daughter, was actually his stepdaughter, Grace Bush, born in February 1895.⁷¹⁵

James and Malinda Franklin were in the Town of New Paltz in 1900, the Town of Plattekill in 1910, back in the Town of New Paltz in 1915, and in Poughkeepsie

⁷⁰⁶ Charles Franklin household, 1900 U.S. census, Town of New Paltz, Ulster Co., ED 119, sheet 18B, dw. 348, fam. 350 (NARA T623, roll 1170). Charles W. Franklin household, 1905 N.Y. state census, Town of New Paltz, Elec. Dist. 1, Ulster Co., p. 8. Emma Franklin household, 1910 U.S. census, New Paltz, Ward 1, Ulster Co., ED 152, sheet 7A, dw. 121, fam. 133 (NARA T624, roll 1084).

⁷⁰⁷ Clarence Thompson household, 1915 N.Y. state census, Poughkeepsie, Ward 3, Elec. Dist. 2, Dutchess Co., p. 7.

⁷⁰⁸ Emma Thompson household, 1920 U.S. census, Yonkers, Ward 7, Westchester Co., ED 249, sheet 1B, dw. 10, fam. 22 (NARA T625, roll 1280).

⁷⁰⁹ Emma Thompson household, 1930 U.S. census, Yonkers, Ward 7, Westchester Co., ED 60–49, sheet 3B, dw. 17, fam. 57 (NARA T626, roll 1668), 8 School St.

⁷¹⁰ Emma Thompson Johnson obituary and death cert. (note 704). Emma Thompson was enumerated at 8 School St. in 1930; her obituary calls her Emma Thompson Johnson, age 49, residing at 8 School St. No marriage record with Edward Johnson has been located.

⁷¹¹ His birthplace was given as Gardiner on his marriage cert. (James Franklyn-Matilda Bush marriage cert., 24 Oct. 1897, local copy, Town of New Paltz Clerk's Office, Ulster Co., copy in possession of the author). Although James was not listed on his father's 1875 census (note 681), his age in 1880 (note 681), 1900 (note 712), and at death support his birth about 1873–1874 (James Franklin obituary, *Poughkeepsie New Yorker*, 20 Dec. 1943, p. 8, col. 5).

⁷¹² James Franklyn-Matilda Bush marriage cert. (note 711). The 1900 census said they had been married six years, but that may in error. James Franklin household, 1900 U.S. census, Town of New Paltz, Ulster Co., ED 119, sheet 21B, dw. 412, fam. 415 (NARA T623, roll 1170).

⁷¹³ Mrs. Melinda Franklin obituary, *Poughkeepsie Eagle-News*, 25 Oct. 1932, p. 13, col. 8. Mrs. Melinda Franklin funeral notice, *Poughkeepsie Eagle-News*, 26 Oct. 1932, p. 5, col. 6. Her brothers named Tuttle have not been investigated. Although her birth was given as June 1874 (1900 census [note 712]), she was likely born before that, perhaps 1870–1871. William (born in Feb. 1887) and Grace were likely her children with Bush, although William used the Franklin name. William was born when James was age 9, but Malinda was older than James.

⁷¹⁴ James Franklin obituary (note 711).

⁷¹⁵ James Franklin household, 1900 U.S. census, Ulster Co. (note 712), which gives her month and year of birth, but calls her Grace Franklin. James Franklin household, 1910 U.S. census, Town of Plattekill, Ulster Co., ED 156, sheet 6B, dw. 82, fam. 86 (NARA T624, roll 1085), which lists her as Grace Bush and calls her his step-daughter.

by 1920.⁷¹⁶ For the last five years before his death, James had been employed as a stableman for James Jackson in Carmel.⁷¹⁷

- iv. MARY JANE/JENNIE⁵ FRANKLIN was born about 1877–1878⁷¹⁸ and died in Ossining 1 October 1910.⁷¹⁹ She married 26 December 1899 PHILLIP SMITH, son of David and Eliza (Cole) Smith.⁷²⁰ Phillip and Jennie were in Ossining in 1910, with children Lizzie, age 11, Edna, age 7, and William, age 4. Jennie’s brother Andrew was also in the household.⁷²¹ By 1915 Philip was enumerated there with his second wife, Annie, Jennie’s sister.⁷²²
- v. ANDREW⁵ FRANKLIN was born in New Paltz 10 October 1881. He died at 8 Leonard Street, Ossining, 7 February 1934, aged 48, and was buried in Dale Cemetery, Ossining.⁷²³

In 1900 18-year-old Andrew was a boarder in the Mackey household, enumerated on the same page as his mother, Charlotte Smith.⁷²⁴ He was working as a coachman at a hotel in the Town of Marlborough, Ulster County, in 1905.⁷²⁵ In 1910 he was living with his sister Jennie and her husband, Phillip Smith, in Ossining.⁷²⁶ In 1915 Andrew was a teamster lodging at 45 Central Avenue in Ossining. That household—all African Americans—appears to be headed by 48-year-old Jennie Peters, “Grass widow.” Others in the household include Jennie’s daughters, Bertha Lawson, age 14, and Dorothy Lawson, age 12.⁷²⁷ Andrew was a teamster at J. Chaydeane and Sons, in Ossining in 1918,⁷²⁸ and was described as a chauffeur in 1920, lodging with Jennie Lawson, age 52, and her daughters Bertha, age 19, and Dorothy, age 17.⁷²⁹ His mother lived with him at 17 Leonard Street, Ossining, from at least 1925 until her death in 1931. He never married.⁷³⁰

13. **NELLY JANE⁴ FRANKLIN** (Diana³, Samuel², Nancy¹ Franklin) was born in the Town of Gardiner, Ulster,⁷³¹ 24 May 1854 (age 1 in 1855 state census) or 1855 (calculated), died in Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, 22 February 1922, aged 66 years, 8 months, and 29 days, and was buried in Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery.⁷³² She married in Modena, in the home of Andrew Franklin [her

⁷¹⁶ James Franklin households: 1900 U.S. census, Ulster Co. (note 712); 1910 U.S. census, Ulster Co. (note 715); 1915 N.Y. state census, Town of New Paltz, Ulster Co., Elec. Dist. 2, p. 18; 1920 U.S. census, Poughkeepsie, Ward 5, Dutchess Co., ED 52, sheet 9B, dw. 152, fam. 217 (NARA T625, roll 1098).

⁷¹⁷ James Franklin obituary (note 711).

⁷¹⁸ Andrew Franklin household, 1880 U.S. census, Ulster Co. (note 681), which lists Jane, age 2.

⁷¹⁹ Jennie Smith death cert., N.Y. Deaths, 1910, #50,194. See notes 721 and 722.

⁷²⁰ Phillip Smith-Mary Jane Franklin marriage record (note 695), providing parents for both.

⁷²¹ Phillip Smith household, 1910 U.S. census, Town of Ossining, Westchester Co., ED 107, sheet 12A, dw. 157, fam. 192 (NARA T624, roll 1089), which indicates they had been married ten years and Jennie was mother of six children, three living.

⁷²² Phillip Smith household, 1915 N.Y. state census, Westchester Co. (note 693).

⁷²³ Andrew Franklin draft registration (note 686). Andrew Franklin obituary, *Citizen-Register* (Ossining, N.Y.) 8 Feb. 1934, p. 3, col. 5.

⁷²⁴ Daniel Smith household, 1900 U.S. census, Ulster Co. (note 674). Her son Andrew Franklin is listed on the same page, boarding in dw. 321, fam. 341.

⁷²⁵ Andrew Franklin in Martin Duab household, 1905 N.Y. state census, Town of Marlborough, Elec. Dist. 2, Ulster Co., p. 12.

⁷²⁶ Phillip Smith household, 1910 U.S. census, Town of Ossining, Westchester Co. (note 721).

⁷²⁷ Andrew Franklin entry, 1915 N.Y. state census, Ossining, Elec. Dist. 4, Westchester Co., p. 17.

⁷²⁸ Andrew Franklin draft registration (note 686).

⁷²⁹ Andrew Franklin in Jennie Lawson household, 1920 U.S. census, Town of Ossining, Westchester Co., ED 154, sheet 4B, dw. 70, fam. 89 (NARA T625, roll 1276).

⁷³⁰ Charlotte Smith obituary (note 671). Charlotte Smith in Andrew Franklin household, 1925 N.Y. state census, Westchester Co. (note 688). Sharett Smith in Andrew Franklin household, 1930 U.S. census, Westchester Co. (note 671).

⁷³¹ Nellie Jane Franklin in Charles B. Jenkins household, 1855 N.Y. state census, Town of Gardiner, Ulster Co., p. 30 [penned], dw. 229, fam. 242.

⁷³² Nellie J. Lefevre death cert., N.Y. Deaths, 1922, #7,047, in which her son Samuel W. LeFevre was informant. Nellie Franklin death notice, *Poughkeepsie Eagle News*, 24 Feb. 1922, p. 8, col. 1, which indicates services will be at the A.M.E. Zion Church, Poughkeepsie. Nelly Jane Franklin, “wife of John LeFevre,”

brother] 3 September 1871 **JOHN LEFEVRE**,⁷³³ who was born in the Town of New Paltz 10 March 1848, son of Abraham and Louisa (LeFevre) LeFevre.⁷³⁴ John died in Poughkeepsie 29 March 1908, and was buried in Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery.⁷³⁵ Both Nelly and John were living at 97 Catherine Street, Poughkeepsie, when they died.⁷³⁶

John LeFevre's 1908 death certificate revealed only that his mother was Louisa LeFevre; his father's name was left blank.⁷³⁷ Two-year-old John was listed with his parents and siblings (Ann M., age 6, and Thomas, age 4) in the Town of New Paltz in 1850.⁷³⁸ In 1855 Abraham (age 55) and Louisa (age 30), working as a laborer and domestic respectively, were in the household of John M. Lefever; their children were not with them,⁷³⁹ having been "farmed out," a common practice in the area. Eight-year-old Thomas was a servant in the household of Deyo Dubois;⁷⁴⁰ John was across the county line in the Town of Montgomery, Orange County, a servant in the household of Deyo Dubois's brother L. N. [Nathaniel] Dubois.⁷⁴¹ Their sister, Ann, has not been found. Both Thomas and John were servants in the same households five years later.⁷⁴²

marker, Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery, Poughkeepsie, photograph in possession of the author. Also Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery Office to author, providing a listing of those buried in the family plot in Section 19, Lot 78, area 90. Although her marker and death records give her exact birth date as 24 May 1855, she was age 1 in the 1855 census (Nellie Jane Franklin in Charles B. Jenkins household, 1855 N.Y. state census, Ulster Co. [note 731]).

⁷³³ John LeFevre-Nellie Jane Franklin marriage, "Record of the Methodist Episcopal Church," unpaginated, arranged chronologically, Memorial United Methodist Church, Modena, Ulster Co.

⁷³⁴ John Lefever birth record, "Return of Town Clerks—Births," 1 Jan. 1848 through 26 May 1848, Town of New Paltz, Ulster Co., N.Y., Ulster Co. Hall of Records, Kingston. For a short period in the mid-1800s, the town clerks in New York were instructed to maintain birth and death records. Not all clerks complied and many towns lack these records, but the records of the Town of New Paltz include: "10 Mar 1848 John Lefever, child of Abraham Lefever and Louisa Lefever." Records created later in John's lifetime suggest a birth year ranging from 1839 to 1845. His death cert. shows his death aged 69 (John Lefevre death cert., N.Y. Deaths, 1908, #14,865, in which the informant was his son Samuel LeFevre); his marker is inscribed aged 65 (John LeFevre marker, Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery, Poughkeepsie, photograph in possession of the author). Records created in his youth and young manhood are mostly consistent with his birth in 1848. He was age 2 in 1850 (Abram Lefever household, 1850 U.S. census, Town of New Paltz, Ulster Co., p. 319 [verso], dw. 1024, fam. 1077 [NARA M432, roll 608]); age 7 in 1855 (John Lefever in L. N. Dubois household, 1855 N.Y. state census, Town of Montgomery, Orange Co., p. 15, dw. 101, fam. 125); age 12 in 1860 (John Lefever in L. Nathaniel Dubois household, 1860 U.S. census, Town of Montgomery, Orange Co., p. 122, dw. 850, fam. 892 [NARA M653, roll 834]); age 22 in 1870 (John Lefever in Kate Hasbrouck household, 1870 U.S. census, Town of New Paltz, Ulster Co., p. 12, dw. 84, fam. 92 [NARA M583, roll 1107]); and age 23 when he married (John LeFevre-Nellie Jane Franklin marriage [note 733]). Only one early record conflicts with 1848. In Sept. 1863 John signed a statement that he was age 18, suggesting a birth year of 1845, but he was likely inflating his age in order to enlist (see discussion of his military service below).

⁷³⁵ John Lefevre death cert. (note 734), which says he was a cook on a steamboat; John LeFevre marker (note 734).

⁷³⁶ John Lefevre death cert. (note 734); Nellie J. Lefevre death cert. (note 732).

⁷³⁷ John Lefevre death cert. (note 734).

⁷³⁸ Abram Lefever household, 1850 U.S. census, Ulster Co. (note 734).

⁷³⁹ Abraham and Louisa Lefever in John M. Lefever household, 1855 N.Y. state census, Town of Gardiner, Ulster Co., p. 35, dw. 262, fam. 277.

⁷⁴⁰ Thomas Lefever in Deyo Dubois household, 1855 N.Y. state census, Town of New Paltz, Ulster Co., unpaginated, dw. 6, fam. 6.

⁷⁴¹ John Lefever in L. N. [Nathaniel] Dubois household, 1855 N.Y. state census, Orange Co. (note 734). Deyo and L. Nathaniel Dubois were sons of Jonas and Rachel (LeFevre) Dubois (Ralph LeFevre, *History of New Paltz, New York, and Its Old Families (from 1678 to 1820)*, 2 vols. [Albany, N.Y.: Fort Orange Press, 1909], 1:321; also Dingman Versteeg, *Records of the Reformed Dutch Church of New Paltz, New York*, Collections of the Holland Society of New York, Vol. 3 [New York: The Society, 1896], 227, 235). The LeFevre, Dubois, and Deyo families of Ulster Co. were interrelated in many ways (see *History of New Paltz*, above).

⁷⁴² Thomas Lefever in Deyo Dubois household, 1860 U.S. census, Town of New Paltz, Ulster Co., p. 44–45, dw. 299, fam. 305 (NARA M653, roll 871). John Lefever in L. Nathaniel Dubois household, 1860 U.S. census, Orange Co. (note 734).

On 3 March 1863 the U.S. Congress enacted the Enrollment Act requiring every male citizen between ages twenty and forty-five to register for the draft.⁷⁴³ In June 1863 Matthew J. Lafever, 20, a laborer; Mathew N. Lefever, 34, a merchant; and John Lefever (age 20, black, and a laborer) registered for the draft in the Town of Gardiner, formerly part of the Town of New Paltz.⁷⁴⁴ A younger John Lefevre, also described as black, signed a statement in 2 September 1863 that he was not liable for military service under the draft law passed 3 March 1863.⁷⁴⁵ The younger John LeFevre would become Nelly Jane Franklin's husband.⁷⁴⁶

When the draft lottery for the Town of Gardiner was held, fifty-one men were selected, including Matthew N., Matthew J., and (the older) John Lefever.⁷⁴⁷ Many of the more affluent drafted men (or their fathers) paid a substitute \$300 to \$500 to serve in their place. That sum was sufficient to buy a small farm, making it attractive to young men in low-paying jobs. The younger African American John LeFevre, the subject of this sketch, was not part of the draft (he was age 15 in 1863), but Matthew N. LeFevre, a white merchant, hired him as his substitute in 1864. John LeFevre signed (with a mark) a statement that he was 18, yet he was only 16. He enlisted 2 September 1864 in Kingston, Ulster County, as a substitute for Matthew N. Lefevre, and mustered in 19 February 1864 as a private in Company C, 31st Regiment, U.S. Colored Troops. He mustered out 10 November 1865 in Brownsville, Texas.⁷⁴⁸ John applied for a pension as an invalid in 1891; Nelly received a pension as an army widow in 1908.⁷⁴⁹

⁷⁴³ "An Act for enrolling and calling out the national Forces, and for other Purposes," *Statutes at Large*, Vol. 12 (Boston: Little, Brown and Co., 1863), pp. 731–37, 3rd Sess., Chap. 75, digital image, *Library of Congress: American Memory* (memory.loc.gov/cgi-bin/ampage?collid=llsl&fileName=012/lls1012.db&recNum=0762).

⁷⁴⁴ John Lefever, Mathew J. Lafever, and Mathew N. Lafever draft registration, Civil War Draft Registration Records, 13th Congressional Dist., pp. 282 (John), 289 (Mathew J. and Mathew N.), Records of the Provost Marshal General's Bureau (Civil War), Record Group [RG] 110, National Archives, Washington, D.C.

⁷⁴⁵ Pvt. John Lafever/Lefevre compiled service records, 39th Reg. U.S. Colored Infantry, Civil War, Compiled Military Service Records of Volunteer Union Soldiers (NARA M1993, roll 90); also 31st Reg. U.S. Colored Infantry, Civil War (NARA M1992, roll 10). A comparison of the records confirms that they refer to the same man, who transferred regiments. Digital images of his service record in the 39th Reg. include his statement, dated 2 Sept. 1863, that he was not liable to serve (*Ancestry.com*, U.S. Colored Troops Military Service Records > Infantry > 39th U.S. Colored Infantry > Jones, Henry (2nd)—Lingus, James > image 749 of 1085).

⁷⁴⁶ The other John Lefever, age 20, enlisted 9 Sept. 1863 at Kingston, N.Y., in Co. D, 20th Reg., U.S. Colored Troops; mustered in at Rikers Island, N.Y., on 9 Feb. 1864; mustered out 7 Oct. 1865 at New Orleans, La. (Pvt. John Lefever compiled service records, 20th Reg. U.S. Colored Infantry, Civil War, Compiled Military Service Records of Volunteer Union Soldiers (NARA 1823, roll 11). "Co. D. 20 Reg. U.S. Col. Inf." is inscribed on his tombstone in the New Paltz Rural Cemetery (John LeFevre marker, New Paltz Rural Cemetery, New Paltz, Ulster Co., memorial 102,160,040, digital image, *FindAGrave.com*, which shows that John died 22 May 1913 and was buried in Plot A-74/82 Elting Post G.A.R. [Grand Army of the Republic]).

⁷⁴⁷ "Civil War Newspapers, Ulster County, New York," Unit History Project, *New York State Military Museum and Veterans Research Center* (dmna.ny.gov/historic/reghist/civil/counties/ulster/ulster_CWN.htm), which provides a transcription of the list of draftees, without information on the newspaper. Neither Matthew J. LeFevre nor Matthew N. LeFevre served in the Civil War.

⁷⁴⁸ Pvt. John Lafever/Lefevre compiled service records (note 745), which includes a "Substitute Volunteer Enlistment" document dated 2 Sept. 1864 in which John Lefever, age 18 (actually age 16), agreed to serve as a substitute for Matthew N. Lafever (digital image, *Ancestry.com*, U.S. Colored Troops Military Service Records > Infantry > 39th U.S. Colored Infantry > image 746–47 of 1085). John Lefever pension (Private, Co. C, 31st U.S. Colored Inf., Civil War), file #997,244, Case Files of Approved Pension Applications . . . , 1861–1934, Civil War and Later Pension Files, Department of Veterans Affairs, RG 15, National Archives, Washington, D.C., Form 3-173, completed by John Lefever in 1898. Pvt. John Lafever/Lefevre compiled service records (note 745).

⁷⁴⁹ John Lefever pension (note 748); Nelly J. Lefever widow's pension application #889,093, cert. #420,049 (service of John Lefever, Pvt., Co. C and F, 31st U.S. Colored Infantry, Civil War), filed with John's pension.

Thomas Lefever also mustered into Company C, 31st Regiment, 19 February 1864, the same day as his brother, John. Thomas died 20 December 1864 of sickness, aged 19, was buried at Point of Rocks Hospital, Virginia, and later was reinterred in City Point National Cemetery, Hopewell City, Virginia.⁷⁵⁰ He was listed as a soldier in the 1865 census of the Deyo Dubois household in the Town of New Paltz, even though he had died the previous December.⁷⁵¹ He was also listed, as a substitute soldier who died during the Civil War, in the Town of Gardiner's 1865 "Deaths of Officers and Enlisted Men."⁷⁵² He likely served as substitute for Matthew J. LeFevre, son of John M. LeFevre in whose house Thomas's parents lived for many years.⁷⁵³

John's father, Abraham, died in the Ulster County poorhouse 23 January 1857, aged 70.⁷⁵⁴ His mother, Louisa, remained in the John M. LeFevre household in 1860, 1865, and 1870.⁷⁵⁵ She was probably the Louissa Lefever, born about 1819–1820, working as a servant in Jackson Diddell's residence in 1875. His household was in the Town of Fishkill, Dutchess County, near John and Nelly (Franklin) LeFevre.⁷⁵⁶ In 1880 Louisa was a servant for William Rowe in the Town of Wappinger, Dutchess County.⁷⁵⁷ The LeFevre family was associated with William Rowe for many years. Rowe and John LeFevre were enumerated in adjacent households in 1875; John was a farm laborer, perhaps on Rowe's farm.⁷⁵⁸ When Nelly wrote her letter to Maggie in 1877, her return address was in care of William Rowe.⁷⁵⁹ Louisa was still in the Rowe household in 1892 and 1900.⁷⁶⁰ When Louisa LeFevre died in Dutchess County, on 12 April 1905, William Rowe was the informant on her death certificate.⁷⁶¹

⁷⁵⁰ Thomas Lefever compiled service records, 31st Reg't. U.S. Colored Infantry, Civil War, Compiled Military Service Records of Volunteer Union Soldiers (NARA M1992, roll 10). Thomas was listed on the company's "Muster-Out Roll," dated 7 Nov. 1865 in Brownsville, Texas, as having died 20 Dec. 1864.

⁷⁵¹ Thomas Lefever in Deyo Dubois household, 1865 N.Y. state census, Town of New Paltz, Ulster Co., p. 45, dw. 221, fam. 304.

⁷⁵² Thomas LeFevre entry, "Deaths of Officers and Enlisted Men," 1865 N.Y. state census, Town of Gardiner, Ulster Co., unpaginated, image 30.

⁷⁵³ See notes 739 and 755, and associated text. Matthew J. LeFevre was drafted (note 747), but did not serve.

⁷⁵⁴ Abraham Lefever entry, Ulster County Poorhouse Death and Burial Records, 1838–1880, p. 12, *Ulster County Poorhouse Project* (ulstercountyny.gov/poorhouse). On his son Thomas's death listing in 1865 (note 752), the column "Parents dependent" contains an "M," meaning his mother was a dependent. She did not claim a pension.

⁷⁵⁵ Louisa Lefever in Jno. N. [sic] LeFever household, 1860 U.S. census, Town of New Paltz, Ulster Co., unpaginated, dw. 1133, fam. 1223 (NARA M653, roll 871); Louisa Lefever in John M. Lefever household, 1865 N.Y. state census, Town of Gardiner, Ulster Co., p. 26, dw. 170, fam. 170, in which she was called the mother of five children; Louisa Lefever in John M. Lefever household, 1870 U.S. census, Town of Gardiner, Ulster Co., p. 6, dw. 43, fam. 44 (NARA M593, roll 1105).

⁷⁵⁶ Louissa Lefever in J. Jackson Diddell household, 1875 N.Y. state census, Town of Fishkill, Elec. Dist. 5, Dutchess Co., p. 2, dw. 12, fam. 15; also John LeFever household, p. 6, dw. 49, fam. 55.

⁷⁵⁷ Louisa LeFevre in William Rowe household, 1880 U.S. census, Town of Wappinger, Dutchess Co., ED 74, p. 22, dw. 177, fam. 195 (NARA T9, roll 826). The Town of Wappinger was formed in 1875 from the Town of Fishkill.

⁷⁵⁸ John LeFever household, 1875 N.Y. state census, Town of Fishkill, Elec. Dist. 5, Dutchess Co., p. 6, dw. 49, fam. 55; William Rowe household, dw. 48, fam. 54.

⁷⁵⁹ William Heidgerd, *Black History of New Paltz* (New Paltz, N.Y.: Haviland-Heidgerd Collection, Elting Memorial Library, 1986), 17. See this article in RECORD 145 (2014): 246–47n11.

⁷⁶⁰ Louisa Lefever in William Rowe household, 1892 N.Y. state census, Town of Wappinger, Elec. Dist. 3, Dutchess Co., p. 3; Louisa LeFevre (born Jan. 1820) in William Rowe household, 1900 U.S. census, Town of Wappinger, Dutchess Co., ED 43, sheet 3A, dw. 23, fam. 23 (NARA T623, roll 1024).

⁷⁶¹ Louisa Lefever was born in New York City about 1822–1823 to Maria Hicks (born in "Rhodisland") and an unnamed father (Louisa Lefever death cert., N.Y. Deaths, 1905, #16,772). She was to be buried in New Hackensack Cemetery, Dutchess Co.

On 9 November 1866 John Lefever, “colored man,” of the Town of Gardiner, bought about two acres from John M. Lefever and his wife, Maria, for \$500.⁷⁶² The amount may be partly what Matthew J. LeFevre, John M. LeFevre’s son, owed John’s brother, Thomas, as his substitute, combined with what John LeFevre had earned as substitute for Matthew N. LeFevre.⁷⁶³ John apparently did not farm the land he bought, and appears to have abandoned the small lot. In 1881 Josiah Lefevre tried to purchase this property. A deed of sale was drawn up, but was never signed or filed.⁷⁶⁴ The land was locally known as the Gypsy lot. “The Gypsies used to come there summers to camp, make baskets, and trade horses.”⁷⁶⁵ A century after the original sale, Kenneth Hasbrouck, great-grandson of Josiah Lefevre, obtained the land by judgment, claiming (erroneously) that John and Nelly LeFevre had died in 1882, intestate, with no descendants. None of the descendants of John and Nelly appeared to contest his claim.⁷⁶⁶

In 1870 John was enumerated as a domestic in Kate Hasbrouck’s household in the Town of New Paltz, Ulster County,⁷⁶⁷ and Nelley Franklin, age 17, was a domestic servant in the household of Zacharias Frear in Modena, Town of Lloyd, Ulster County.⁷⁶⁸

After their marriage in 1871, John and Nelly LeFevre moved to the Town of Fishkill, Dutchess County; they were there by 1875 with their two daughters, May, age 4, and Jane, six months, in a frame structure worth \$200. John was employed as a farm laborer, probably by William Rowe, age 72, whose household was the preceding entry in the census.⁷⁶⁹ From 1880 through 1900, John’s mother, Louisa, was employed by William Rowe’s family.⁷⁷⁰ In 1880 John and Nelly were living in the same place, formerly in the Town of Fishkill,

⁷⁶² John M. Lefever and wife, Maria, to John Lefever (colored), Ulster Co., N.Y., Deeds 147:1–2, dated 19 Nov. 1866, recorded 16 Jan. 1868. John’s mother, Louisa, was living in John M. Lefever’s household at the time (note 755). The deed describes a triangular-shaped lot in the Town of Gardiner lying north of the public highway to Jenkinstown, west of a small stream crossing the highway. The stream is recorded on the 1875 map of the Town of Gardiner in Beers’s atlas, so the land can be mapped to a two-acre lot currently designated as Section-Block-Lot [SBL] 94.1-2-22 (F. W. Beers, *County Atlas of Ulster, New York* [New York: Walker and Jewett, 1875]).

⁷⁶³ Heidgerd, *Black History of New Paltz* (note 759), 16.

⁷⁶⁴ Unsigned deed of sale, John and Nelly Jane Lefevre to Josiah Lefevre, 2 Dec. 1881, Town of Gardiner, Ulster Co. N.Y., Records of the Tax Assessor, SBL 94.1-2-22. The deed was never signed or filed; the proposed sale price was \$30. Josiah Lefevre was a distant relative of John M. Lefever, who originally sold the parcel to John Lefevre. Josiah had purchased most of the land formerly held by John M. Lefever. The tax assessor’s file contains all the deeds for that property, including the deed for the attempted sale and several letters detailing the legal action necessary to clear the title.

⁷⁶⁵ Kenneth Hasbrouck, *History of the Township of Gardiner* (Gardiner, N.Y.: Town Board of Gardiner, 1953), 24.

⁷⁶⁶ Ulster Co. Deeds 1193:1041–44, citing Kenneth Hasbrouck, Plaintiff, against the People of the State of New York, Judgment Index No. 990.

⁷⁶⁷ John Lefever in Kate Hasbrouck household, 1870 U.S. census, Ulster Co. (note 734). Kate Hasbrouck was enumerated as a white woman, age 28 [*sic*], who owned real estate valued at \$1200. Her age in the 1870 census was likely incorrect. In 1860 Cath^e Hasbrouck, age 33, was a seamstress in New Paltz (Cath^e Hasbrouck household, 1860 U.S. census, Town of New Paltz, Ulster Co., p. 20, dw. 137, fam. 138 [NARA M653, roll 871]). She was listed as age 50 in 1880 (Catherine Hasbrouck household, 1880 U.S. census, Town of New Paltz, Ulster Co., ED 140, p. 40, dw. 342, fam. 360 [NARA T9, roll 939]). She was probably the Kate Hasbrouck who “had a shop in 1854 where she made boys’ clothing, and here she remained all her life” (LeFevre, *History of New Paltz, New York, and Its Old Families* [note 741], 2 [Appendix]:191).

⁷⁶⁸ Nelley Franklin in Zackariah Frear household, 1870 U.S. census, Modena P.O., Town of Lloyd, Ulster Co., p. 423 [stamped], dw. 5, fam. 4 (NARA M593, roll 1106).

⁷⁶⁹ John LeFever household, 1875 N.Y. state census, Dutchess Co. (note 758); also William Rowe household, p. 6, dw. 48, fam. 54.

⁷⁷⁰ See notes 757, 760, and 761.

but in the new Town of Wappinger, created in 1875. They had three children, May, age 9, and twins John and Samuel, age 2. John was employed as a laborer.⁷⁷¹

In 1896 the family resided at 143 North Clinton Street, Poughkeepsie.⁷⁷² They were enumerated in 1900 in Poughkeepsie with their son John, a waiter; John, the father, was a boatman.⁷⁷³ On 29 August 1907 John and Nelly bought property in Poughkeepsie at 97 Catherine Street.⁷⁷⁴ In 1910 after the death of her son John in 1905 and her husband in 1908, the widowed Nelly lived at that address with her widowed daughter, May Henderson, and May's three children. Nelly worked as a cook on a steamboat, and May did housework for a private family.⁷⁷⁵ In 1911 Nellie J. LeFevre, widow of John, was living at 97 Catherine Street and working as a cook at the "Old Ladies Home."⁷⁷⁶ On 6 May 1919 Nelly sold the house to her son Samuel and his wife, Mary Elizabeth, on the condition that she and her daughter, May, could live there the rest of their lives.⁷⁷⁷

Children of John and Nelly Jane⁴ (Franklin) LeFevre:

- i. MAY ELIZABETH⁵ LEFEVRE was born 22 May 1871,⁷⁷⁸ probably in Ulster County. She died in Poughkeepsie 9 July 1953 and was buried in Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery.⁷⁷⁹ May married 12 February 1896 in Dutchess County GEORGE AUGUSTUS HENDERSON, a day laborer, who was born in Worcester, Massachusetts, in April 1870,⁷⁸⁰ and died after 1900.⁷⁸¹ He was son of Sylvester A. and Anna C. (Campbell) Henderson.⁷⁸²

George and May were living in the Town of Hyde Park, Dutchess County, in 1900 with three children: Leola F., born in April 1893; Clifford C., born in January 1898; and Beulah M., born in November 1899.⁷⁸³ May was residing on Catharine Street in Poughkeepsie starting in 1908, but George was never listed there with her. She was a widow in 1910, when she and her three children were living with her

⁷⁷¹ John LeFevre household, 1880 U.S. census, Town of Wappinger, Dutchess Co., ED 74, p. 16, dw. 132, fam. 143 (NARA T9, roll 826).

⁷⁷² R. V. LeRay's *Poughkeepsie City Directory* (Poughkeepsie, N.Y.: R. V. LeRay, 1896), 198. John and Nelly LeFevre were not found in the 1892 census or in Poughkeepsie city directories prior to 1896.

⁷⁷³ John LeFevre household, 1900 U.S. census, Poughkeepsie, Dutchess Co., ED 33, sheet 15A, dw. 297, fam. 338 (NARA T623, roll 1023).

⁷⁷⁴ Mary Herman et al. to John and Nellie J. LeFevre, Dutchess Co., Deeds 355:201.

⁷⁷⁵ Nellie J. LeFevre household, 1910 U.S. census, Poughkeepsie, Ward 5, Dutchess Co., ED 69, sheet 10, dw. 145, fam. 257 (NARA T624, roll 936).

⁷⁷⁶ A. V. Haight *Company's Poughkeepsie Directory 1912-1913* (Poughkeepsie: A. V. Haight, 1912), 342.

⁷⁷⁷ Nellie J. LeFevre to Samuel LeFevre and his wife, Mary Elizabeth, Dutchess Co., Deeds 405:477.

⁷⁷⁸ John LeFevre Civil War pension (note 748), which lists his living children and their birth dates. May's full name is on her marriage record (George Augustus Henderson-May Elizabeth LeFevre marriage cert., N.Y. Marriages, 1896, #2,928).

⁷⁷⁹ May E. Henderson death cert., N.Y. Deaths, 1953, #42,652. May LeFevre Henderson death notice, *Poughkeepsie New Yorker*, 10 July 1953, p. 16, col. 2, which announced services from the A.M.E. Zion Church. May E. Henderson marker, Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery, Dutchess Co., memorial 114,859,368, digital image, *FindAGrave.com*, which is inscribed 1871-1953.

⁷⁸⁰ George Augustus Henderson-May Elizabeth LeFevre marriage cert. (note 778), which provides his birthplace. Geo. A Henderson household, 1900 U.S. census, Town of Hyde Park, Dutchess Co., ED 11, p. 2A-B, dw. 29, fam. 33 (NARA T623, roll 1022).

⁷⁸¹ George's wife, May Henderson, was listed as a widow in 1910 (May E. Henderson in Nellie J. LeFevre household, 1910 U.S. census, Dutchess Co. [note 775]), but as "Mrs. May Henderson" in 1911 (*A. V. Haight Company's Poughkeepsie Directory*, 1911-1912 [Poughkeepsie: A. V. Haight Co., 1911], 288). No N.Y. death record was found for him, 1907-1910.

⁷⁸² George Augustus Henderson-May Elizabeth LeFevre marriage cert. (note 778), which provides his parents' names.

⁷⁸³ Geo. A. Henderson household, 1900 U.S. census, Dutchess Co. (note 780). Another probable child, Reginald, an infant, was buried in the family plot in Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery in Feb. 1908 (note 779). Other family members buried there: Clifford Henderson, buried in 1931; William L. Gardner Jr., buried in June 1994; and Beulah H. [Henderson] Gardener, buried 30 Aug. 1966.

mother, Nelly, in Poughkeepsie.⁷⁸⁴ She was called “Mrs. May E. Henderson” in the 1911 directory, while her mother, at the same address, was called “widow of John.”⁷⁸⁵ She was probably the Mae Henderson living in Manhattan with her daughter Buelah in 1920.⁷⁸⁶ In 1925 May L. F. [LeFevre?] Henderson, a nurse, was living at 97 Catherine with her grandson William Gardner (age 1 year, 9 months), her brother Samuel, and his wife, Elizabeth.⁷⁸⁷ She may be the May E. Henderson, “Neg,” age 58, born in New York, who was working as a servant in Miami Beach, Florida, in 1930.⁷⁸⁸ In 1940 she was living with her daughter and son-in-law, Leola and Charles Thomas, in Springfield, Hampden County, Massachusetts.⁷⁸⁹

- ii. JANE⁵ LEFEVRE was born in the Town of Fishkill, Dutchess County, in January 1875,⁷⁹⁰ and died probably before 1880.⁷⁹¹
- iii. SAMUEL W.⁵ LEFEVRE (twin) was born in New Hackensack, Dutchess County, 5 June 1877,⁷⁹² and died in Poughkeepsie 25 July 1950.⁷⁹³ He married first in Poughkeepsie 20 June 1900 EZERILLA WATERS,⁷⁹⁴ who was born there about February 1875⁷⁹⁵ and died there 3 August 1908.⁷⁹⁶ Ezerilla was daughter of William H. and Mary E. (Giles) Waters.⁷⁹⁷ Samuel married second in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 12 September 1912 ELIZABETH SMALLWOOD,⁷⁹⁸ who was born in Maryland about 1879–1883⁷⁹⁹ and died after 1940.⁸⁰⁰

In 1907 Mrs. Ezerilla LeFevre, “widow of Samuel,” was living at 134 North Clinton. By 1908 Ezerilla had died and Samuel was back in Poughkeepsie at 90 North Clinton Street.⁸⁰¹ “Samuel Lefever & Son” moved to Erie, Pennsylvania, in 1909.⁸⁰² Later

⁷⁸⁴ May E. Henderson in Nellie J. LeFever household, 1910 U.S. census, Dutchess Co. (note 775).

⁷⁸⁵ R. V. LeRay's *Poughkeepsie City Directory for the Year Ending May 1, 1909* (Poughkeepsie: R. V. LeRay, 1908), 234, recorded as Mary E.; similar title (1909), 232, living with her mother; *Poughkeepsie Directory, 1911–1912* (note 781), 288.

⁷⁸⁶ Mae Henderson household, 1920 U.S. census, Manhattan Borough, AD 19, New York City, ED 1337, sheet 24B, dw. 87, fam. 455 (NARA T625, roll 1221).

⁷⁸⁷ May L. F. Henderson in Samuel LeFevre household, 1925 N.Y. state census, Poughkeepsie, Ward 5, Dutchess Co., Elec. Dist. 1, p. 10.

⁷⁸⁸ May E. Henderson in Anne G. Leathers household, 1930 U.S. census, Miami Beach, Dade Co., Fla., ED 13–75, sheet 8A, dw. 177, fam. 228 (NARA T626, roll 311).

⁷⁸⁹ Charles R. Thomas household, 1940 U.S. census, Springfield, Ward 4, Hampden Co., Mass., E.D. 22-90, sheet 61A–B, 75 Orleans St. (NARA T627, roll 1709), in which she was the mother-in-law of Charles.

⁷⁹⁰ John LeFever household, 1875 N.Y. state census, Dutchess Co. (note 758), in which Jane LeFevre, age six months, was identified as a daughter.

⁷⁹¹ John LeFevre household, 1880 U.S. census, Dutchess Co. (note 771), in which three children were listed—May, John and Samuel—but Jane was not included.

⁷⁹² Samuel W. Lefevre death cert., N.Y. Deaths, 1950, #40,518, which records his birthplace. John Lefever Civil War pension (note 748), which lists the birth date for Samuel and his twin brother, John, as 5 June 1877. This differs from the birth date of 5 June 1878 given on Samuel's death certificate (this note); but agrees with his birth year as calculated from his marriage certificate (age 23 on 20 June 1900, note 794); the letter written by his mother, Nelly LeFevre, dated 4 July 1877 describing her twin boys as a month and half old (note 759); and his twin brother's birth of June 1877 in the 1900 census (note 773).

⁷⁹³ Samuel W. Lefevre death cert. (note 792).

⁷⁹⁴ Samuel W. Lefevre–Ezerilla Waters marriage, N.Y. Marriages, 1900, cert. #10,647.

⁷⁹⁵ William H. Waters household, 1900 U.S. census, Poughkeepsie, Ward 3, Dutchess Co., ED 24, p. 4B, dw. 112, fam. 94 (NARA T623, roll 1023).

⁷⁹⁶ Ezerilla LeFevre entry, N.Y. State Index to Deaths, citing her death in Poughkeepsie 3 Aug. 1908, cert. #37,702; the original has not been examined.

⁷⁹⁷ Samuel W. Lefevre–Ezerilla Waters marriage (note 794).

⁷⁹⁸ “Samuel W. LeFevre,” obituary, *Poughkeepsie Eagle*, 27 July 1950, p. 17, col. 8.

⁷⁹⁹ Samuel LeFevre household, 1925 N.Y. state census, Dutchess Co. (note 787). Elizabeth LeFevre in John Hackett household, 1930 U.S. census, Poughkeepsie, Dutchess Co., ED 56, p. 15A, dw. 215, fam. 343 (NARA T626, roll 1420). Elizabeth LeFevre in Joseph B. Bisbee household, 1940 U.S. census, Poughkeepsie, Dutchess Co., ED 14–69, p. 7B, 15 Adriance Ave. (NARA T627, roll 2524).

⁸⁰⁰ Elizabeth LeFevre in Joseph B. Bisbee household, 1940 U.S. census, Dutchess Co. (note 799). While Elizabeth had been mentioned frequently in the Poughkeepsie newspapers in the 1920s and 1930s, her activities tapered off, then stopped entirely. She likely died soon after 1940. No obituary or death record has been found.

⁸⁰¹ Bradley's *Directory of the City of Poughkeepsie, for the Year Ending 1907–08* (Poughkeepsie: John Bradley, 1907), 259; R. V. LeRay's *Poughkeepsie City Directory for the Year Ending May 1, 1909* (Poughkeepsie: R. V. LeRay, 1908), 261.

⁸⁰² “Poughkeepsie, N.Y.,” *New York Age*, 26 Aug. 1909, p. 3, col. 3.

records indicate the son was Nelson LeFevre.⁸⁰³ They were enumerated in a boarding house in Erie in 1910, and Samuel was still there in 1912 and 1919.⁸⁰⁴ Samuel, Elizabeth (his wife), and Nelly (his mother) resided at 97 Catherine Street, Poughkeepsie, in 1920. Samuel was a butler and Elizabeth was a cook, both for private families.⁸⁰⁵ In 1925 he was a waiter and she a housewife.⁸⁰⁶ In May 1927 Samuel was fined two dollars for driving an automobile without lights.⁸⁰⁷ In March 1930 Samuel and Elizabeth "motored to Mamaroneck, N.Y., in their new Oldsmobile sedan."⁸⁰⁸ They were working as a waiter and housemaid for a private family in Poughkeepsie in 1930.⁸⁰⁹ In November 1932 Samuel and Elizabeth, with Mrs. and Mrs. Alvero Cata, motored to Knoxville, Maryland, to attend the funeral of Mrs. Alice Pollard, sister of Elizabeth and Mrs. Cato.⁸¹⁰ Samuel and Elizabeth were working as a houseman and a cook in Joseph Bisbee's household in Poughkeepsie in 1940.⁸¹¹ Samuel was an active leader of the A.M.E. Zion Church and the "IBPOE of W" (Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World).⁸¹² Elizabeth was also active in the church⁸¹³ and was a graduate of the Pittsburgh School of Domestic Science.⁸¹⁴

- iv. JOHN⁵ LEFEVRE (twin) was born in New Hackensack 5 June 1877,⁸¹⁵ died in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, 20 October 1905,⁸¹⁶ and was buried in Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery.⁸¹⁷ He was a waiter and died of appendicitis while touring with a theatrical group.⁸¹⁸
- v. FRANKLIN J.⁵ LEFEVRE was born 22 November 1880,⁸¹⁹ and died in Poughkeepsie 4 April 1900.⁸²⁰

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⁸⁰³ "Poughkeepsie, N.Y.," *New York Age*, 2 Apr. 1932, p. 8, col. 5, which reads "Mr. and Mrs. Samuel LeFever visited their son Nelson LeFever and family during the Easter weekend in New York City."

⁸⁰⁴ N. and S. LeFevre in Anna Collins household, 1910 U.S. census, Erie, Ward 1, Erie Co., Pa., ED 71, p. 1A, dw. 5, fam. 6 (NARA T624, roll 1342), in which their initials have been reversed (N., age 36, widower, born in N.Y., waiter in a hotel, and S., age 9, born in N.Y., attends school). "Poughkeepsie, N.Y.," *New York Age*, 31 Oct. 1912, p. 2, col. 1; also 3 May 1919, p. 3, col. 2. *The New York Age* was an African American newspaper published in New York City from 1887 to 1953.

⁸⁰⁵ Samuel LeFever household, 1920 U.S. census, Poughkeepsie, Ward 5, Dutchess Co., ED 50, sheet 8B, dw. 133, fam. 546 (NARA T625, roll 1098).

⁸⁰⁶ Samuel LeFevre household, 1925 N.Y. state census, Dutchess Co. (note 787).

⁸⁰⁷ "Motorists Enrich City Coffers When Hailed into Court," *Poughkeepsie Eagle*, 13 May 1927, p. 5, col. 7.

⁸⁰⁸ "Poughkeepsie, N.Y.," *New York Age*, 8 Mar. 1930, p. 8, col. 2.

⁸⁰⁹ Samuel LeFevre in John Hackett household, 1930 U.S. census, Poughkeepsie, Dutchess Co., ED 56, p. 15A, dw. 215, fam. 343 (NARA T626, roll 1420).

⁸¹⁰ "Poughkeepsie, N.Y.," *New York Age*, 26 Nov. 1932, p. 8, col. 6. Another news item describes the Pittsburgh, Pa., wedding of Katherine Virginia [Smallwood] Cooper to John A. Thomas, in which the bride was attended by her five sisters: Mrs. Elizabeth LeFever of Poughkeepsie, Mrs. Magdalene Hill, Mrs. Fannie Cato, Mrs. Alice Pollard, and Miss Margaret Smallwood, the latter four of East End, Pittsburgh (*Pittsburgh Courier*, 24 Nov. 1928, p. 6, col. 1).

⁸¹¹ Samuel LeFevre in Joseph B. Bisbee household, 1940 U.S. census, Dutchess Co. (note 799).

⁸¹² "Samuel W. LeFevre," obituary (note 798). Samuel acted in a Biblical pageant 6 Nov. 1941 (*Poughkeepsie New Yorker*, 5 Nov. 1941, p. 19, col. 4).

⁸¹³ For example, she organized a fried chicken dinner there on 9 Sept. 1925 (*Poughkeepsie Daily Eagle*, 9 Sept. 1925, p. 3, col. 1); sang in the choir (*Poughkeepsie New Yorker*, 5 Nov. 1941, p. 19, col. 4); and hosted the church sewing circle (*Poughkeepsie New Yorker*, 13 Oct. 1941, p. 16, col. 6).

⁸¹⁴ "Community House Has Arts Exhibit," *Poughkeepsie Eagle News*, 30 June 1923, p. 5, col. 3.

⁸¹⁵ John LeFever Civil War pension (note 748), which lists his children and their birth dates.

⁸¹⁶ John LeFevre obituary, "Some Local Briefs," *Poughkeepsie Eagle*, 29 Oct. 1905, p. 8, col. 4.

⁸¹⁷ Undated plat of Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery, Poughkeepsie (note 779), citing John LeFevre burial in the family plot in Oct. 1905.

⁸¹⁸ John LeFevre obituary (note 816).

⁸¹⁹ John LeFever Civil War pension (note 748), which lists his children and their birth dates.

⁸²⁰ Frank LeFever obituary, *Poughkeepsie Eagle*, 6 Apr. 1900, p. 4, col. 3. Frank LeFever death cert., N.Y. Deaths, 1900, #13,296.