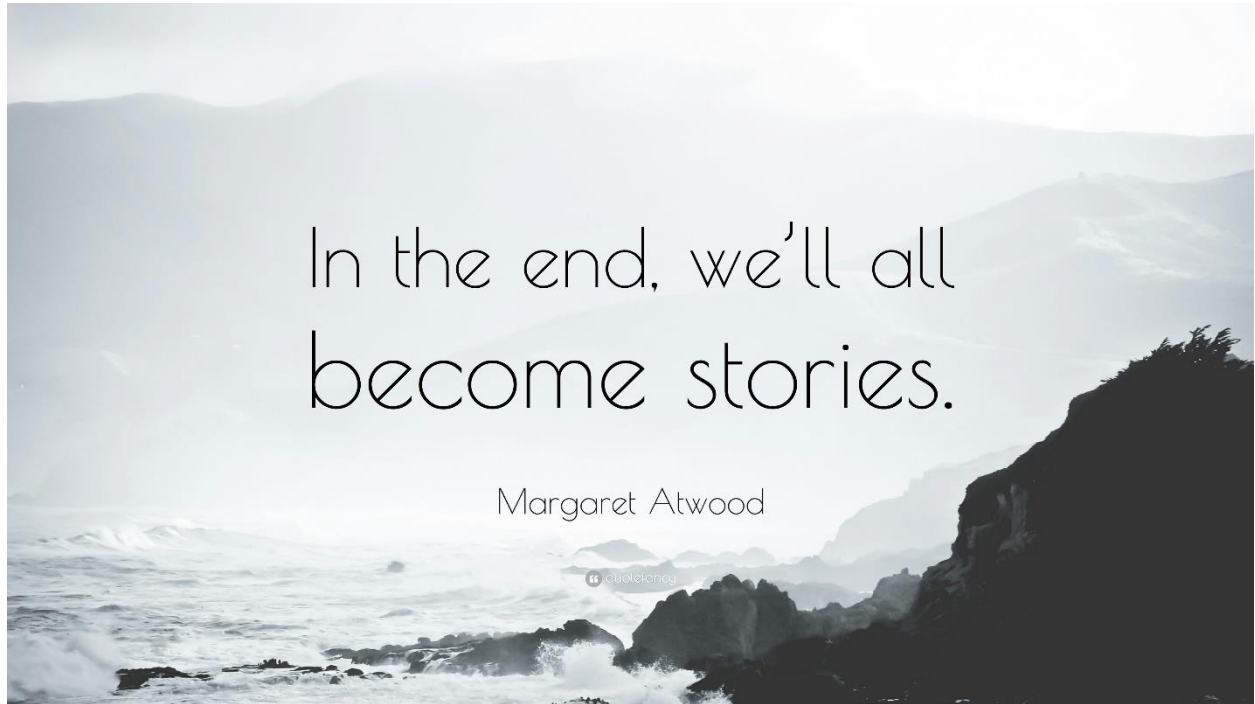


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Amanda Jane Dunn
of Bradford County,
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Foreword

I started researching my family history in late 1992 when I picked up a genealogy application at a software store called Egghead. Egghead was a “brick and mortar” store dedicated to computer software in the early 90s and they were running a buy-one-get-one (BOGO) sale. On software.

The software was basically a fill-in-the-blank process and once I got started, I couldn’t stop. I decided my research goal would be to find my immigrant ancestors and where they came from. I’ve partially succeeded but women are really hard to research before the 20th century because they didn’t have a separate legal identity from their father or husband.

Early in my research my mother, Berneda Spencer Daly (1926-2021), handed me one of Tom McIntosh’s *Descendants of Henry Clay Spencer and Amanda Jane Dunn* of Bradford County, Pennsylvania booklets from the reunions. It helped guide part of my research but I retraced every step, looking for records to prove the history. My ancestry, however, is a little different than Tom’s so I had other areas to research also.

This book covers much of the same people Tom McIntosh described though there are a few changes due to more records being available online (and easier to find!). I also found a mistake, which is one reason why it’s important to share; that is, so other people might find what I missed.

I organized the chapters of this book by where they lived and the government under which they lived. Our ancestors, therefore, are grouped as follows:

- The English Spencers
- The Colonial Spencers
- The American Spencers

Our direct Spencer ancestors are listed within each chapter with a “Lineage” list of their direct paternal line. I find that list helps keep track of where each person fits into history.

There is also a separate chapter for Henry’s and Amanda’s children and grandchildren. I struggled with adding more recent generations but decided against it for this version. Maybe a detailed list of descendants could be another chapter. Let me know what you think.

Like Tom’s booklets, I didn’t want to clutter the pages with footnotes and endnotes. There are a few but I can provide source citations to anyone who wants to learn more about the records that helped write this story.

Genealogy is about sharing information so someone else can fact-check the genealogist. With that in mind, feel free to double-check my work and let me know if you have questions or see any issues. It’s so easy to make a mistake while writing a big story like this. You won’t hurt my feelings.

I also manage a private group on Facebook.com where we share updates, photos, and post reminders about births, marriages, and deaths of our ancestors. The group is called “*Descendants of Henry Clay Spencer and Amanda Jane Dunn*” if you want to join.

Thank you for taking the time to read this story.

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Where to find this book

You can download and print your own copy of this book at:

chanur.com/reunion-report-2021

Corrections & Updates

Send any corrections or updates to me at the address above. Email is probably best but whatever works.

This book is a work in progress while I continue researching. I know more about some families than others either because they left a nice paper trail to follow or I've talked to and received updates from some of you. If you see information that we can add, let me know!

Photos

If you have photos of your Spencer ancestors that you would like included in a future version of this book, please send them to me in digital format. TIF or PNG files are best but JPG will work too.

I use Google Photoscan, a mobile phone app, to take pictures that are in frames, etc. Be sure to clean the glass first and check the lighting but you can get really good photos from it. I find it also works on large photos.

Woman's Names

As a genealogist, I only record a woman's birth (maiden) name.

Whether she changed her name upon marriage, changed it back, kept one or the other name is not really that critical to genealogy.

It is, generally, assumed she might be known by any of these names at some point no matter what she wanted.

So, in this book, I only record a woman's birth name. When she marries you can assume whether she changed her name or not.

Introduction

This 'word cloud' contains the surnames for every direct descendant of John Spencer (1505-1558) and Anne Merrill (1509-1560) that I've been able to identify, so far. The size of the name is based on the number of descendants in my research database on Ancestry.com.



Figure 1: Our Names

Pedigree Charts

These pedigree charts were taken from Ancestry.com. Ignore the green leaves; they tell me there are record or image hints I need to investigate. Hopefully, you can use them to find your way through the generations.

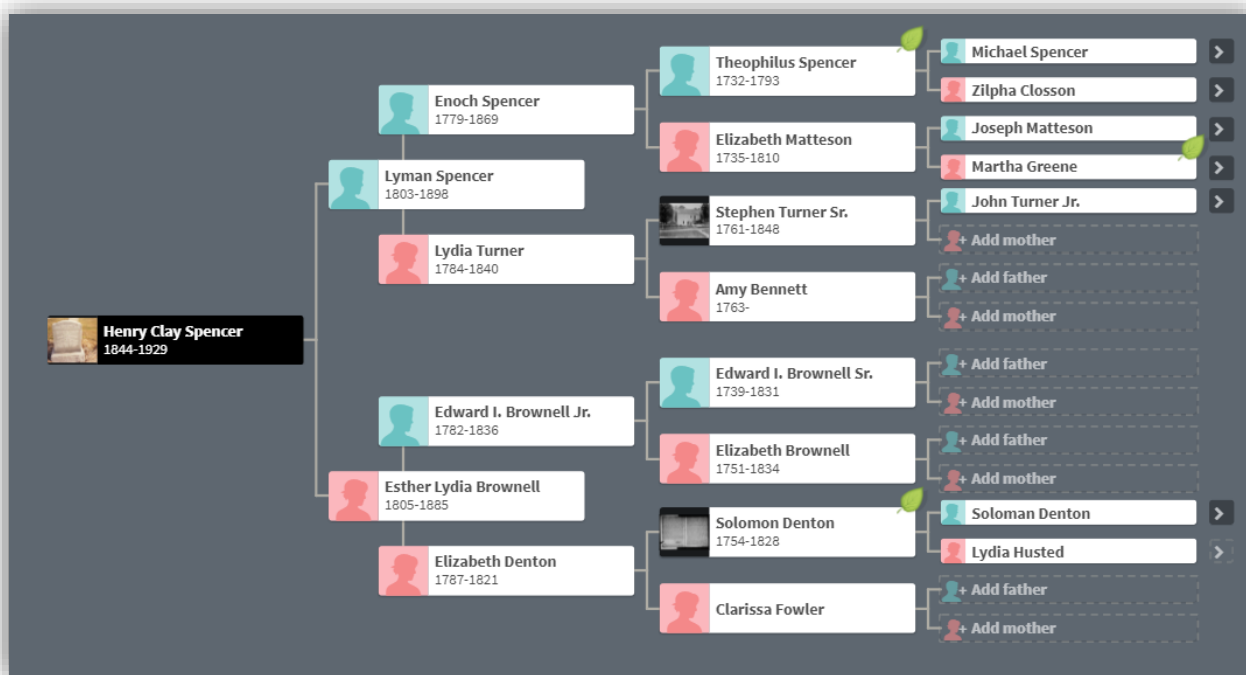


Figure 2: Henry Clay Spencer Pedigree Chart

I generally work on Ancestry.com but I use sources from many other online and offline repositories too. It's interesting to realize that only a small portion of records are online.

The Michael Spencer born in 1611 is our immigrant Spencer ancestor. He was certainly what, today, we would call a “puritan” but he wouldn’t use that word.

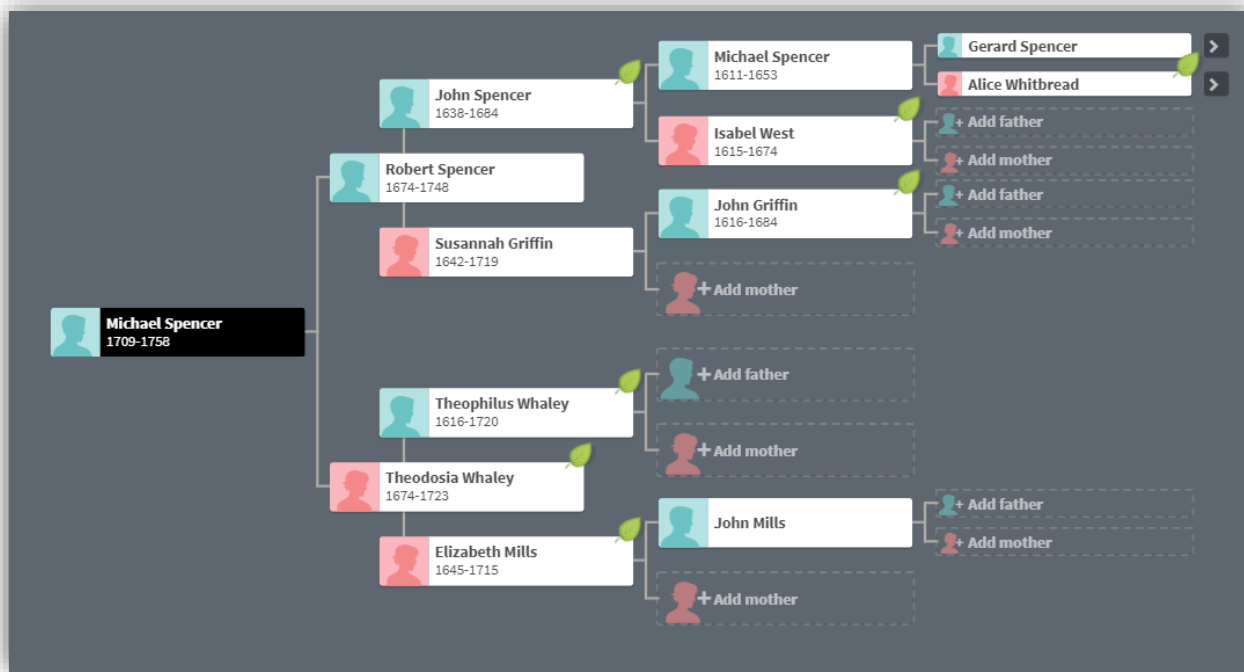


Figure 3: Michael Spencer Pedigree Chart

He was *not* one of the more radical “pilgrims” that went to Leiden, Netherlands and arrived in 1620 aboard the Mayflower. Michael and his brothers – William, Jared/Gerard, and Thomas – and sister Elizabeth were part of the Great Puritan Migration during the 1630s.

They came to Massachusetts Bay Colony and, eventually, absorbed the radical “pilgrims” by their numbers.

Our ancestors in England lived in or near the village of Edworth in Bedfordshire (sometimes abbreviated as “Beds”). They later moved to the larger town of Stotfold, still in Bedfordshire.

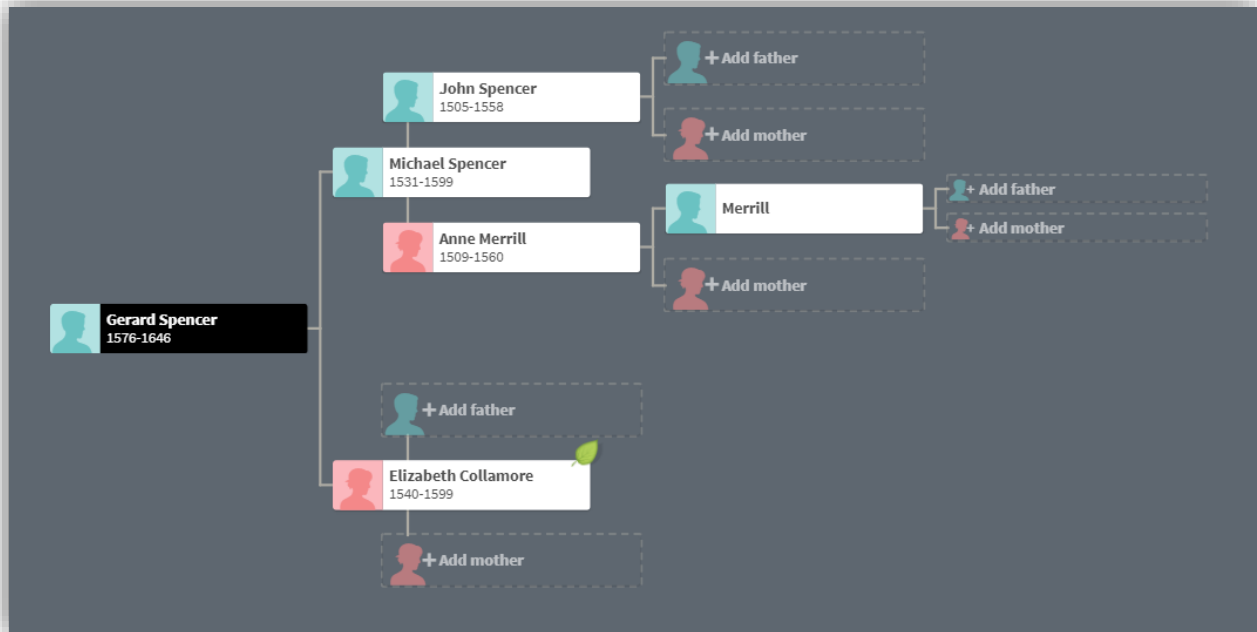


Figure 4: Gerard Spencer Pedigree Chart

Bedfordshire is located north of London and was fairly rural when our ancestors lived there. Edworth is a small collection of homes these days while Stotfold is a thriving town still.

Ancestor Table

The 'ancestor table' below provides a quick list of our known ancestors. The list always starts with #1 as the subject person; in this case, Henry Clay Spencer.

After the first person, any person's father is that person's number times 2 and that person's mother is the father's number plus 1. Using this method, you can multiple by 2 to find parents or divide by 2 to find their child.

I left breaks in the numbers when we don't know an ancestor. Big gaps appear in earlier generations since our ancestors generally double every generation. The list – and these gaps – help me figure out where to search next.

I also added “**Immigrant**” when I know that person is one of our immigrant ancestors.

Subject Person

1. Henry Clay Spencer (1844-1929)

Henry's Parents

Lyman and Esther were born in Pawling, Dutchess County, New York and moved to Burlington, Bradford County, Pennsylvania after the Civil War. All of their children, except, Clarissa, moved also; Clarissa remained in Dutchess County.

2. Lyman Spencer (1803-1898)
3. Esther Lydia Brownell (1805-1885)

Henry's Grandparents

4. Enoch Spencer (1779-1869)
5. Lydia Turner (1784-1840)
6. Edward Brownell Jr (1782-1836)
7. Elizabeth Denton (1787-1821)

Henry's Great-Grandparents

The Spencers came from East Greenwich, Rhode Island in 1760 while the Brownell family came from Little Compton, Rhode Island.

The Dentons lived in Jamaica, New York before moving north to Dutchess County.

The Turners lived in the region for several generations, after helping to found White Plains. They probably came from Connecticut before that.

8. Theophilus Spencer (1732-1793)
9. Elizabeth Mattson (abt.1734/35-before 1810)
10. Stephen Turner Sr (1761-1848)
11. Amy Bennett (1763-?)
12. Edward Brownell Sr (1739-1831)
13. Elizabeth Brownell? (1751-1834)
14. Solomon Denton (1754-1828)
15. Clarissa Fowler

Henry's Great-Great-Grandparents

All of these people lived in Rhode Island except the Dentons.

16. Michael Spencer (1709-1758)
17. Zilpha Closson (1710-abt.1738)
18. Joseph Mattson (1705-1758)
19. Martha Greene (1712-1746)
20. John Turner Jr (probably)

28. Solomon Denton (1722-1816)
29. Lydia Husted (probably)

Henry's 3x Great-Grandparents

- 32. Robert Spencer (1674-1748)
- 33. Theodosia Whaley (1674-1723)
- 34. Caleb Closson (1688-?)
- 35. Anna _____ (1688-1746)
- 36. Thomas Matteson (1672-1739)
- 37. Martha Shippee (1680-?)
- 38. John Greene (1685-1757)
- 39. Mary Allen (1688-1787)
- 40. John Turner Sr (probably, 1707-1772)

There were several generations of *Solomon Denton's* in a row, making it hard to keep track of them sometimes. *Atalanta* is a female name of Greek origin, which was popular in the 18th century. The name roughly translates to "equal in weight" making it an interesting choice to name a girl during the 18th century.

- 56. Solomon Denton (1690-1727)
- 57. Atalanta Clay (1702-1748)

Henry's 4x Great-Grandparents

There are several immigrants in this generation but I'm not sure I've identified them all. John Spencer came from Lynn, Massachusetts to Providence, Rhode Island. The Whaleys were in Virginia but his identity is a question.

- 64. John Spencer (1638-1694)
- 65. Susanna Griffin (1642-1719)
- 66. Theophilus Whaley (abt.1616-1720) – Immigrant
- 67. Elizabeth Mills (abt.1645-1715)
- 68. Josiah Closson (1655-1699)
- 69. Mary Williamson (1654-1721)

Joseph Turner might be wrong. I'm working on that with a Turner researcher this summer so I might have an update later.

- 72. Henry Matteson (abt.1646-1690) – Immigrant
- 73. Martha Parsons (abt.1646-1693)
- 74. David Shippee
- 75. Margaret Scranton
- 76. James Greene (1626-1698)
- 77. Elizabeth Anthony
- 78. Increase Allen (1656-1723)
- 79. Rachel _____ (1658-1731)
- 80. Joseph Turner (1672-?)
- 81. Mary Wyman

- 112. Samuel Denton (1655-1699)
- 113. Mary Brush

- 134. John Mills – immigrant

Henry's 5x Great-Grandparents

- 144. Michael Spencer (1611-1653) – Immigrant
- 145. Isabel ____ (1615-1674) – Immigrant
- 146. John Griffin (1616-1684) – Immigrant

Henry's 6x Great-Grandparents

Our Spencer ancestors beyond this point lived their entire lives in England.

- 288. Gerard Spencer (1576-1646)
- 289. Alice Whitbread (1571-1629)

Henry's 7x Great-Grandparents

- 576. Michael Spencer (1531-after 1599)
- 577. Elizabeth Collamore (1540-1599)

Henry's 8x Great-Grandparents

This is the earliest generation I can verify so far.

- 1152. John Spencer (abt.1505-1558/59)
- 1153. Anne Merrill (1509-1560)

Frequently Asked Questions

Where did the name come from?

The **Spencer** name evolved from a job title given to Robert d'Abbetot by Willian, Duke of Normandy and King of England after the conquest in 1066.

The job title was originally *le Dispenser*, *Dispenser* or *Dispencer* and was based on the Latin word for 'dispensing' supplies within the noble household. As time went on, the *le* was dropped and then the "dis" part of the name fell away too.

It is a job, though, like a steward or maybe even a butler. There was a *spencer* in most noble households of the time. Robert d'Abbetot was just the most prominent and first to be recorded with the job title.

Why are there so many Spencers?

As the English middle class formed, families with rising income began hiring servants similar to the noble houses. As a result, *many non-noble households had a spencer*.

Later, after the job title evolved into an inherited family name, the job title changed to something like steward or butler.

Are there other spellings?

Yes. Spelling was mostly phonetic until the late 19th century or early 20th century when the results of universal education began to take hold of the general population.

Many children only went to school until the 8th grade but it was enough to establish a "correct" way to spell (mostly to make the teacher happy).

Other spellings that evolved from *le Dispenser* include Spenser, Spender, Espencer, Spence, Spens, Spensor, Spense, etc.

Are all Spencers related?

No. Since the name evolved from a job title anyone given that job in any household across England could have adopted the name. Even the spelling variations are not all related.

Are we related to anyone famous?

There is **no evidence** that we are related to the noble Spencer family in Britain, to Princess Diana or to Winston Spencer-Churchill. I also haven't found any royal connections through the Spencers but it's probably there somewhere. Most Europeans have a royal person in their ancestry somewhere.

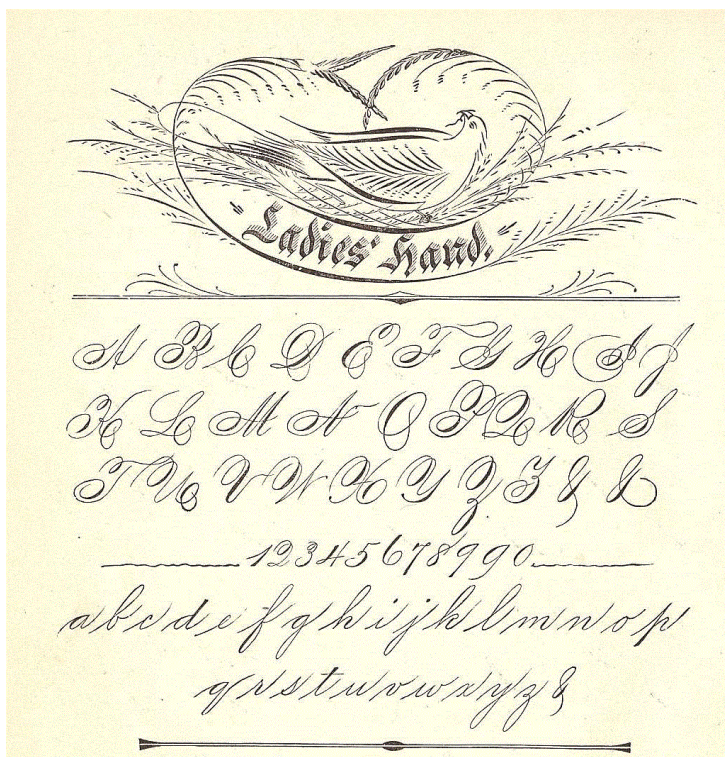


Figure 5: Spencerian Script Exampleⁱ

We might be related to Platt Rogers Spencer, the man who developed the *Spencerian script* or *penmanship*.

It was a way to write cursive letters from about 1840 to 1925. Examples include the Coca-Cola logo and the early Ford logo.

Our ancestry does go back to a yeoman farmer and land-owner in the early 1500s but that's about it for now.

Does this book contain all of our relatives?

No, not really. I focused on the ancestors and descendants of Henry Clay Spencer (1844-1929) and Amanda Jane Dunn (1850-1925) who lived in Burlington Township, Bradford County, Pennsylvania.

Some families are better represented than others because I've been able to find more information about them or they've provided me with information, photos, etc.

Is this *done*?

No. In genealogy, there is no such thing as "done". Genealogists do run out of records or run into a "brick wall" but there is no "done". There are also records being published all the time so new evidence or new bits of a person's story can be discovered at any time.

Let's consider this the *first edition*. A new edition will be released as new information becomes available. I'll announce the updates on the Facebook group page.

Facebook group?

Yes. A couple years ago, I created a private Facebook group page called "*Descendants of Henry Clay Spencer and Amanda Jane Dunn*". The group is open to any descendant of Henry and Amanda so if you're not a member already, search for the name or go to:

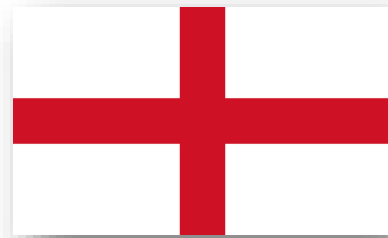
[*https://www.facebook.com/groups/HenryAmandaSpencer*](https://www.facebook.com/groups/HenryAmandaSpencer)

Then answer the questions about how you are related. I don't usually approve anyone that doesn't answer the questions and I don't already know.

Chapter 2.

The English Spencers

Our earliest *known* Spencer ancestor was born in the early 1500s. He lived in central England and was not poor or peasant class. This could suggest the descendants of younger sons of some noble but that hasn't been found yet.



John Spencer (1505)

Lineage: (unknown)

John Spencer was born sometime between 1500 and 1505 (probably closer to 1505), likely in Bedfordshire, England. Bedfordshire was also called Bedford County. It is located north of London.

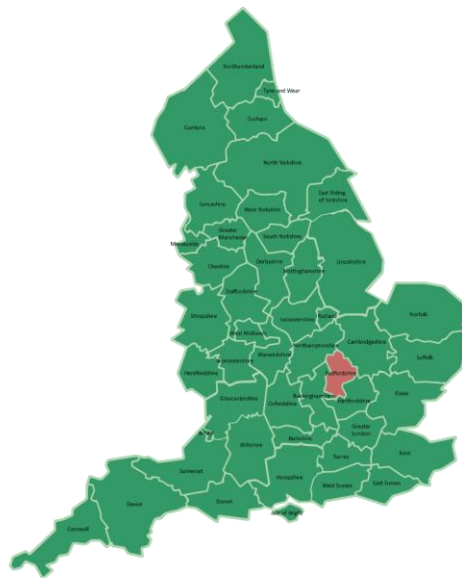


Figure 6: Map of England (Bedfordshire in red)ⁱⁱ

He may have been born in South Mills or St. Albans but I'm not certain of that. The records in the 1500s are hard to find and can be confusing. There are some researchers who believe they know John's parents but I haven't seen convincing evidence yet. So, for now, he's our earliest known Spencer.

John was a *yeoman farmer*, which means *he owned the land* he farmed. The title of yeoman originated as an English servant in the 14th century (1300s). It was a middle rank in a noble household as the pecking order went. The yeoman was roughly between a page and a squire.

The title evolved to describe relatively wealthy non-noble land-owning people. These men usually had voting rights since they were considered *freeholders*. They also had to be a registered member of the church.



Figure 7: The Yeoman Farmerⁱⁱⁱ

John Spencer married **Anne Merrill** sometime before their first known son was born (obviously) but I can't find an actual marriage record (yet). Anne was born about 1509 in Bedfordshire. Her family name was sometimes written as Merryll in records.

She also had a brother Edward who lived in Bedfordshire. We know this from his will.

I'm sure we don't know all of their children but what we know – or think we know – includes:

1. **Michael Spencer** (1531-after 1599)
2. Gerard Spencer (1543-1577)
3. John Spencer (1555-1560)

Anne would have been about 22 when Michael was born, 34 when Gerard was born, and 49 when John was born. It is possible John was not her child... or he was her last. Women didn't stop until their bodies decided that was enough.

John died on June 9, 1558 and was buried in the local churchyard at St. George's in Edworth. His son John was buried in April 1560 at Edworth; he was only 4 or 5 years old (depending whether his birthday had passed or not).

Anne was buried in June 1560 at Edworth, Bedfordshire. Her will included a gift to the church as written below.

the good hospitality keeper; and she did give to the towneship of Edworth ii of her best bease [beast, a cow] to be lett to ii pore folks in the towns for iii s. a cow & the parson & churchwarden to have the letting of them & the distributing of the money to the poor & to se[e] the stock maintained etch of them to have iii d. of the vi s. for the panes to se[e] this truly done acording to her last will.

Figure 8: Anne Merrill's Gift to St. George Parish

Basically, Anne was called a “good hospitality keeper” because she was hospitable to visitors. She didn’t run an inn.

She gave her “best bease” – a cow – to the poor of the community, each receiving a share similar to stock in a company. The church warden was responsible for distributing any money raised by selling milk, cheese, butter, etc from the cow.

The church was responsible for the care and feeding of the cow, since care of the poor was the church’s responsibility so this was a natural bequest.

John died in April 1560 and his mother died in June. I can’t find an epidemic in the area because records didn’t really trace outbreaks of common diseases. Illness in spring and summer were generally expected. Smallpox, dysentery (also called “summer’s complaint”), and other diseases were just a normal part of the year.

Many of the really old graves don't have headstones or the stones have long since deteriorated. Because of that, we don't really know where John and Anne were buried in the churchyard.



Figure 9: St. George, Edworth, Bedfordshire^{iv}



By the way, a cemetery right next to a church is usually called a “*churchyard*” while a cemetery that isn't near the church is just called a “cemetery”. I know, it's an odd bit of trivia but it helps researchers since, sometimes, an old church will have both.

St. George is on private property these days and is usually locked. The key is with the property owner. The Churches Conservation Trust is responsible for the actual building maintenance. If you ever want to visit the church, you need to make arrangements ahead of time with the property owner.

There is a plaque in the church to John and Anne but it was placed in the 1980s by another descendant.



Figure 10: Plaque at St. George's Church^v

As a result, the plaque really isn't 'evidence' of their lives; just a memorial from another descendant.

Michael Spencer (1531)

Lineage: John (1505)

Michael Spencer was born May 27, 1531 in or near the village of Edworth, Bedfordshire, England to John Spencer and Anne Merrill. He appears to be their oldest child but since he didn't remain in Edworth it's likely he was the second son.

Michael married Agnes Limer (or Lymer) but doesn't appear to have had any children with her. I suspect she died, possibly in childbirth, since divorce was relatively uncommon even if the king did it.

Michael later married **Elizabeth Collamore** (1540-1599) and they had one child that we know about:

1. **Gerard/Jarred Spencer** (1576-1646)

Other children *might* include Joan Spencer, Alice Spencer, Michael Spencer, Thomas Spencer, Anthony Spencer, Richard Spencer, and Agnes Spencer. It's likely that this was Elizabeth's 2nd marriage so her other children might have included Pricilla Harris and Richard Harris.

Michael moved from Edworth to Stotfold, a nearby town before Gerard was born. Stotfold is about an hour and 15-minute walk from Edworth so this was a relatively easy move.

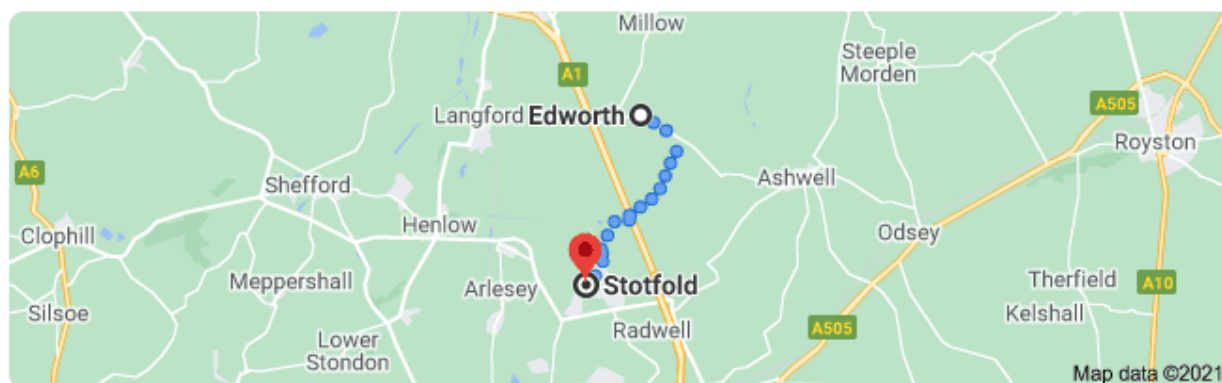


Figure 11: Edworth to Stotfold (Google Maps)

Elizabeth died on November 18, 1599 and is probably buried at St. Mary's cemetery in Stotfold. Michael died after his wife but we don't know the date or year so we usually just say "after 1599".

St. Mary's is located in Stotfold and is an active Anglican church that's open to the public.



Figure 12: St. Mary, Stotfold, Bedfordshire (Wikipedia)

Elizabeth *might* have been the daughter of John Collamore and Margery Hext.

Gerard Spencer (1576)

Lineage: Michael (1531) ► John (1505)

While “Gerard”, “Jared” and “Jarred” are alternate spellings for the same name, I usually write his name as **Gerard Spencer**. It was probably pronounced “GER-rard” regardless of spelling (emphasis on the first part).

Gerard was born May 20, 1576 in Stotfold to Michael Spencer (1531-aft.1599) and Elizabeth Collamore (1540-1599). He lived his whole life in Stotfold from what I can tell.

Gerard married Alice Whitbread on November 10, 1600 in Upper Gravenhurst, Bedfordshire. She was born October 7, 1571 in Upper Gravenhurst to John Whitbread (1548-1589) and Eleanor _____ (1550-1628).

They had the following children that we know about:

1. William Spencer (1601-1646)
2. Elizabeth Spencer (1602-?)
3. **Michael Spencer** (1611-1653)
4. Gerard/Jared Spencer (1614-1685)
5. Thomas Spencer (dates unknown)

There's a big gap between Elizabeth and Michael, which might be where Thomas was born or might have included other children.

We know about these children because they all immigrated to New England in the 1630s as part of the Puritan Migration.

It's likely that Gerard and Alice were ‘puritan’ in their beliefs, raising their children in that environment. They, however, chose to remain in England when their children crossed to the New World.

Alice died in 1629, which might have triggered her children to join the migration. Gerard died in May 1646 at the age of 70.

Puritans versus Pilgrims

Our Spencers would be called “puritans” today. The name “pilgrims” describes about 100 families that first fled England for the Netherlands and, later, migrated to North America.

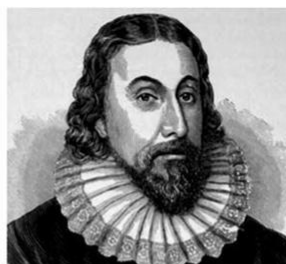
Something to remember is that pilgrims were fundamentalist puritans but puritans were not pilgrims. In fact, the pilgrims called themselves “saints”.

What was the difference?

Pilgrims generally arrived in what became New England aboard the Mayflower in November 1620. In the fall of 1621, the Fortune arrived with those who couldn't fit aboard Mayflower the previous year. The ships Anne and Little James followed in 1623. Anne was mostly passengers while Little James, being smaller, was mostly cargo.



William Bradford



John Winthrop

Pilgrims	Puritans
Few	Many
Early (1620)	Later (1629-30)
Poor class	Upper middle class
Uneducated	Educated
Separatists from state church	Loyal
Settled in Plymouth	Salem, Boston
William Bradford, William. Brewster	John Winthrop John Endicott, Miles Standish,

Figure 13: Pilgrim versus Puritan

There were non-pilgrims among those that migrated during the early 1620s. Some found it too hard and returned to England.

The great migration really started in 1629 when more educated and affluent puritans began leaving England. Why did they leave?

King Charles I was from the Scottish House of Stuart and he married a Catholic from France. He firmly believed in the divine right of kings to rule as they wished and argued with Parliament regularly. He became king in 1625 and by 1629, many puritans had enough. So, many left England.

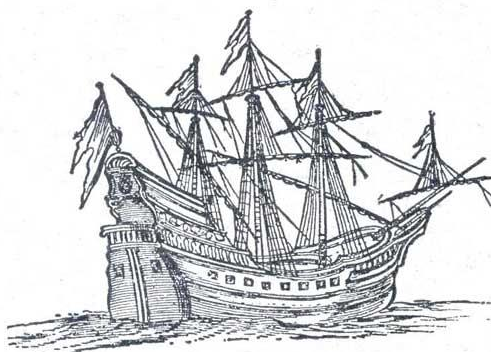
The first immigrants – the pilgrims – were fundamentalists who tolerated *no* deviation from their view of worship. Those who followed in the 1630s and 1640s were slightly more tolerant. They were, for example, less likely to kill Quakers for being Quakers. Or Baptists.

And that's how Rhode Island was established. That is, people thrown out of Massachusetts or who had enough of their intolerance.

Chapter 3.

The Colonial Spencers

At first, the immigrants would be as English as their ancestors but the colonies changed over the decades so they were less “English” but they still would have considered themselves to be as English as any in the home country.

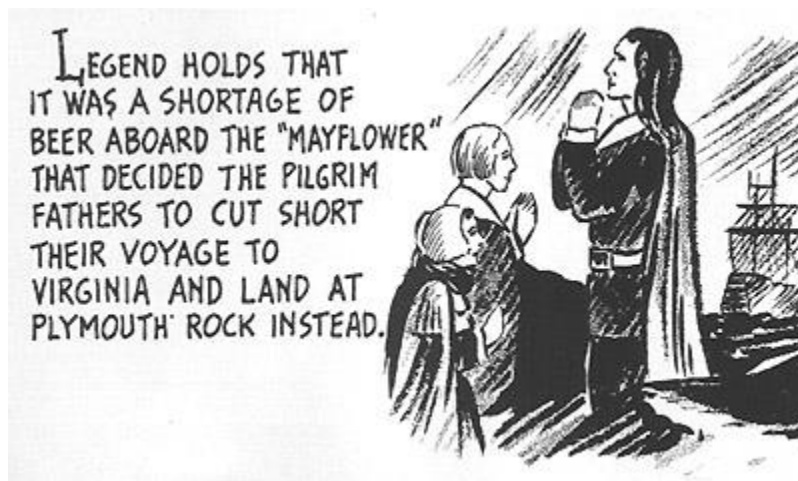


The colonial period generally began with the Jamestown, Virginia colony in 1607 and ended with the successful revolution in 1783. The New England colonies got their start in 1620 but really took off in the 1630s.

It could take 2 to 4 months to cross the Atlantic Ocean in the 1600s, depending on the ship and the weather. The Mayflower, for example, left Plymouth, England on September 6, 1620 after many delays (almost a month of delays due to the Speedwell) and a false start. 66 days later the ship arrived in Cape Cod instead of the Hudson River as planned.

Resupply could take almost a year, as long as a war didn't interrupt the return voyage to the colony. That could be a long time without support from an established community.

Interestingly, one of their biggest fears during that first winter was running out of beer since they were not prepared to brew their own.



The Great Puritan Migration occurred during the 1630s as Parliament and King Charles I began drifting apart. Parliament got stronger and bolder, leading to the English Civil War in the 1640s. That war slowed immigration but didn't cut it off entirely.

The painting below was created by William F. Halsall. It is called "*Arrival of the Winthrop's Ships in Boston Harbor*". It was created much later than the 1630s, of course, so it's not an eyewitness to history.



Figure 14: 11 Ships Sailed with Winthrop's Fleet

Anyone born before the American Revolutionary War (1775-1783) can be found in this chapter while anyone born during or after the war will be found in the next chapter about the American Spencers.

Michael Spencer (1611)

Lineage: Gerard (1576) ► Michael (1531) ► John (1505)

Michael Spencer was born May 5, 1611 in Stotfold, Bedfordshire. His parents were Gerard Spencer (1576-1646) and Alice Whitbread (1571-1629). Michael and several siblings immigrated to New England in the early 1600s. I don't think they all arrived on the same ship but that's mostly a guess at this point.

He arrived in Massachusetts between 1630 and 1634 and settled in modern-day Cambridge (then called the New Towne). Cambridge was much larger in those days than it is today so we don't really know where he settled.

Michael married **Isabel** _____ (1615-1674), possibly West, about 1635 and moved to Lynn, Massachusetts to raise a family.

They had the following known children:

1. **John Spencer** (1638-1684)
2. Susannah Spencer (1643-1724)
3. Michael Spencer (1648-1723)
4. William Spencer (1652-1713)

He was identified as a “freeman” in March of 1638, allowing him to vote in local elections. A “freeman” was not a slave or indentured servant, was a full member of the local municipality, was a member of the church, and was considered to be of good character.

A “freeman” was not considered “common” and he could own land. Freemen also participated in the local government, usually in annual or semi-annual meetings where laws were proposed and passed, and judgement in civil or criminal matters were made.

Michael died in November 1653 at Lynn, Essex County, Massachusetts. His will was probated at nearby Salem.

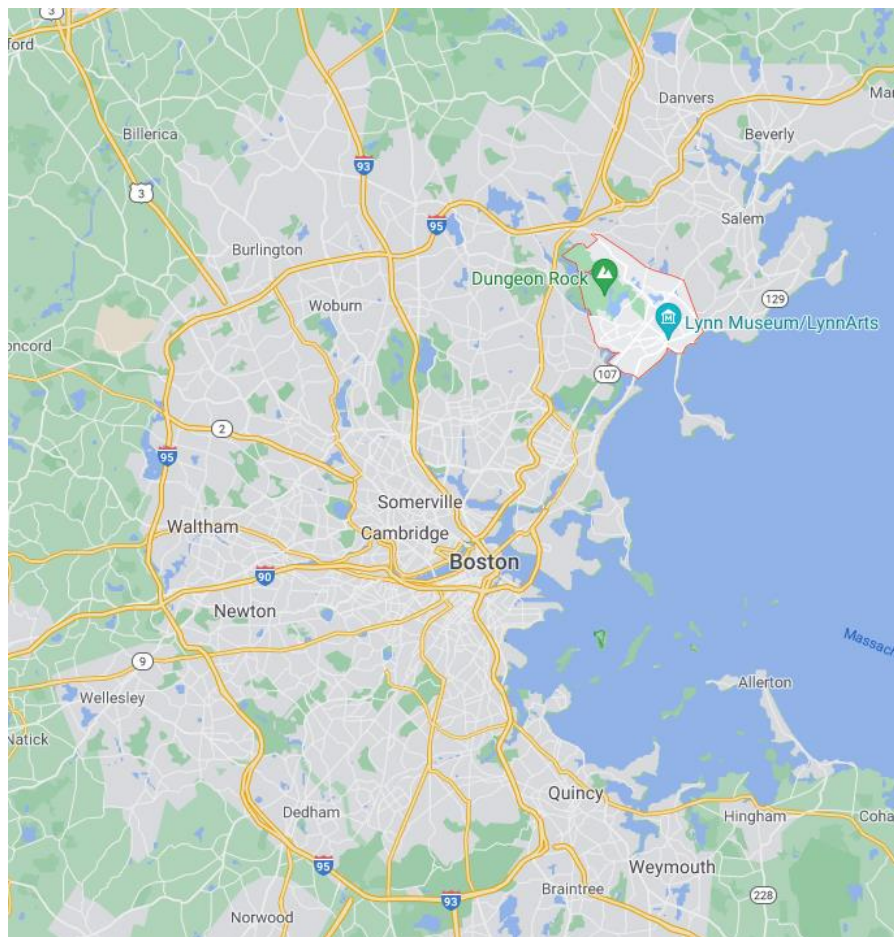


Figure 15: Lynn, Massachusetts

His estate was handled by his brother Jared/Gerard. That is, on November 29, 1653 his brother was confirmed as the administrator of his estate.

Michael's home and possessions were ordered sold "for the bringing up of Michael's children." On November 30, 1654, Thomas Robbins of Salem had some of Michael's estate to help bring up "Michael Spencer age 6."

After Michael's death, Isabel married Thomas Robbins (abt.1618-?). Isabel had moved from Lynn to Salem and bought a house there. At some point, she had to sell the house to support her children.

On March 31, 1657, Thomas Robbins was bound by the local court to bring his wife, Isabel, to answer charges of hiding stolen goods that her son – probably Michael (1648-1723) – took. She was fined and order to pay Robert Lord for the stolen goods.

Isabel died on October 9, 1674 at Salem, Massachusetts.

The son Michael moved to Est Greenwich, Rhode Island where *his* brother John had settled.

John Spencer (1638)

Lineage: Michael (1611) ► Gerard (1576) ► Michael (1531) ►
John (1505)

John Spencer was born about 1638 in Lynn, Massachusetts to Michael Spencer (1611-1653) and Isabel ____ (1615-1674).

He married **Susannah Griffin** in 1665 at Newport, Rhode Island. His presence in Rhode Island suggests he decided to follow new ideas being preached by some minister rather than follow the strict puritan teachings in Massachusetts. Both Rhode Island and Connecticut were formed by religious dissenters.

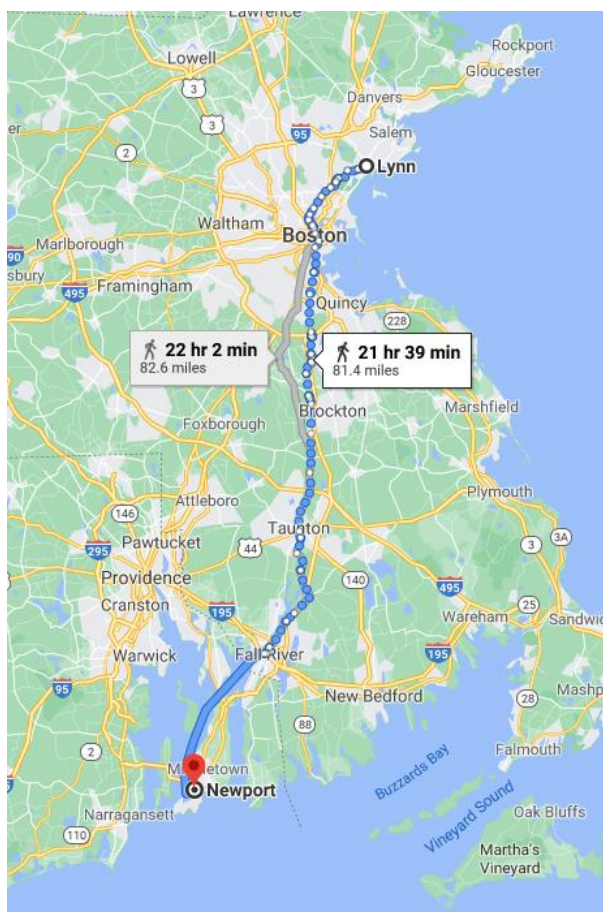


Figure 16: Lynn, Massachusetts to Newport, Rhode Island

Susannah was born about 1642 to Robert Griffin (1613-1684) and Hanna ____ (1620-1670).

They had the following known children:

1. John Spencer (1666-1743)
2. Michael Spencer (1668-1748)
3. Benjamin Spencer (1670-1723)
4. William Spencer (1672-1748)
5. **Robert Spencer** (1674-1748)
6. Abner Spencer (1676-1759)
7. Thomas Spencer (1679-1752)
8. Susannah Spencer (1681-1681)
9. Peleg Spencer (1683-1763)

A house of boys! Susanna must have been busy.

John died August 31, 1684 at East Greenwich, Rhode Island.
Susannah died April 12, 1719, also in East Greenwich.

Robert Spencer (1672)

Lineage: John (1638) ► Michael (1611) ► Gerard (1576) ►
Michael (1531) ► John (1505)

Robert Spencer was born November 6, 1674 in East Greenwich, Rhode Island to John Spencer (abt.1638-1684) and Susannah Griffin (abt.1642-1719).

He married **Theodosia Whaley** on July 15, 1697 in East Greenwich. Theodosia was also born in 1674 to Theophilus Whaley (abt.1616-1720) and Elizabeth Mills (abt.1745-1715).



Theophilus Whaley is a puzzling character.

Some think he was Lieutenant Robert Whaley who commanded a company at King Charles I's execution in 1649. If true, his brother was the judge Edward Whaley and they were cousins to Oliver Cromwell.

Again, this is guesswork; not fact.

Theophilus appears in Virginia with no records before that appearance (so far). He married there and moved to Rhode Island about 1679. The speculation about his origin only started about 30 years after his death so it may never be known.

We know of 2 children though there were certainly more:

1. Susannah Spencer (1698-?) married a Sweet
2. **Michael Spencer** (1709-1758)

Robert served as a captain in the Rhode Island militia. Most young men were required to participate in training on the community green though it wasn't always taken seriously.

Theodosia died before 1723 and Robert followed in 1748.

Michael Spencer (1709)

Lineage: Robert (1674) ► John (1638) ► Michael (1611) ►
Gerard (1576) ► Michael (1531) ► John (1505)

Michael Spencer was born December 27, 1709 in East Greenwich, Rhode Island to Robert Spencer (1674-1748) and Theodosia Whaley (1674-bef.1723).

He married **Zilpha Closson** in 1731. Zilpha was born in 1710 at Freetown, Massachusetts to Caleb Closson (1688-?) and Anna _____ (1688-1746). They had 1 son:

1. **Theophilus Spencer** (1732-1793)



Theophilus is an honorary title given to the person who the gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles mentions. It generally means “friend of God”.

The actual person’s identity is not known but this name, along with many other Biblical names, became very popular during the 18th century.

Zilpha died about 1637 or 1638 without any other children. We don’t know if she died in childbirth or due to some disease.

Michael then married Zilpha’s sister, Abigail Closson in 1738. This was a fairly common situation with a widower marrying a sister of his wife. (It worked the other way around too.)

Abigail was born March 28, 1717 in Freetown.

Michael and Abigail went on to have:

2. Robert Spencer (1740-1820)
3. Nathaniel Spencer (1742-?)
4. Michael Spencer (1744-?)
5. Nathan Spencer (1746-?)
6. Joanna Spencer (1747-?)
7. Caleb Spencer (1750-1806)
8. Samuel Spencer (1752-?)
9. James Spencer (1754-?)
10. Theodosia Spencer (1755-?)
11. Lydia Spencer (1756-?)
12. Mary Spencer (1758-?)
13. Sarah Spencer (1758-?)

Robert joined the Loyalists during the American Revolutionary War (1775-1783) and moved to Ontario, Canada after the war.

Both Michael and Abigail died in 1758. A measles epidemic spread around the colonies that year, possibly why they both died. It's unclear who took care of the younger children after their parents died but Theophilus was 26 but they didn't appear in his household.

Robert was just 18 in 1758 so he might have taken them in or some neighbor or cousin might have. I haven't looked into this situation yet.

Theophilus Spencer (1732)

Lineage: Michael (1709) ► Robert (1674) ► John (1638) ►
Michael (1611) ► Gerard (1576) ► Michael (1531) ►
John (1505)

Theophilus Spencer was born in 1732 in East Greenwich, Rhode Island. His parents were Michael Spencer (1709-1758) and Zilpha Closson (1710-1737/38). He was raised by his aunt Abigail who married his father after his mother's death.

On November 11, 1757 Theophilus married Elizabeth Matteson at the *Six Principle Baptist Church* (aka Stony Lane Baptist Church) in North Kingstown, Rhode Island. Elder Samuel Albro officiated. As we can see, generations shifting away from the puritan beliefs as other denominations grew in popularity.



Figure 17: Six Principle Baptist Church (Wikipedia)

Elizabeth Matteson was a challenge to find. Many researchers thought she was the daughter of Abraham Matteson (1719-1776) and Freelove Philips (1725-1776). That Elizabeth, however, was born in 1744 and would have been 13 years old in 1757. The 'lure' of that Elizabeth is that her maternal line leads back to a passenger on the Mayflower.

The marriage record, however, provides little clues to her real identity.

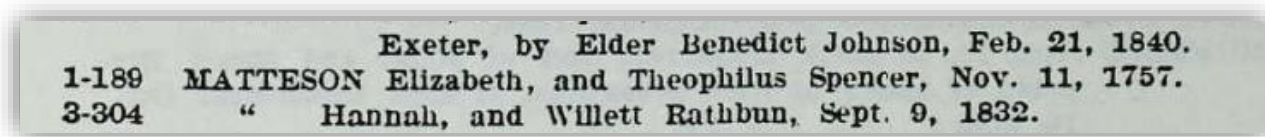


Figure 18: Matteson-Spencer Marriage Transcription

After doing the math and being creeped out by a 25-year-old marrying a 13-year-old I researched other Elizabeth Mattesons alive at the time.

The best candidate is the daughter of Joseph Matteson (1705-1758) and Martha Greene (1712-1746). This would make the two Elizabeths 2nd cousins but this Elizabeth was born in 1734 or 1735. That makes her 21 or 22 when she married. That makes much more sense. Otherwise, I would have expected to find a note in the marriage record or in the colonial legislature (for permission of a minor to marry).

Contrary to popular belief, most women in the 18th century married between the ages of 22 and 26. Men usually married between 23 to 28 years old. There were certainly exceptions but these are the averages.

After the deaths of his father and step-mother, Theophilus and Elizabeth moved from East Greenwich, Rhode Island to Pawling, Dutchess County, New York.

Of course, the map below is using modern roads to 'walk' the distance but many modern roads follow older, dirt roads and native trails so this is probably not too far off from their journey.

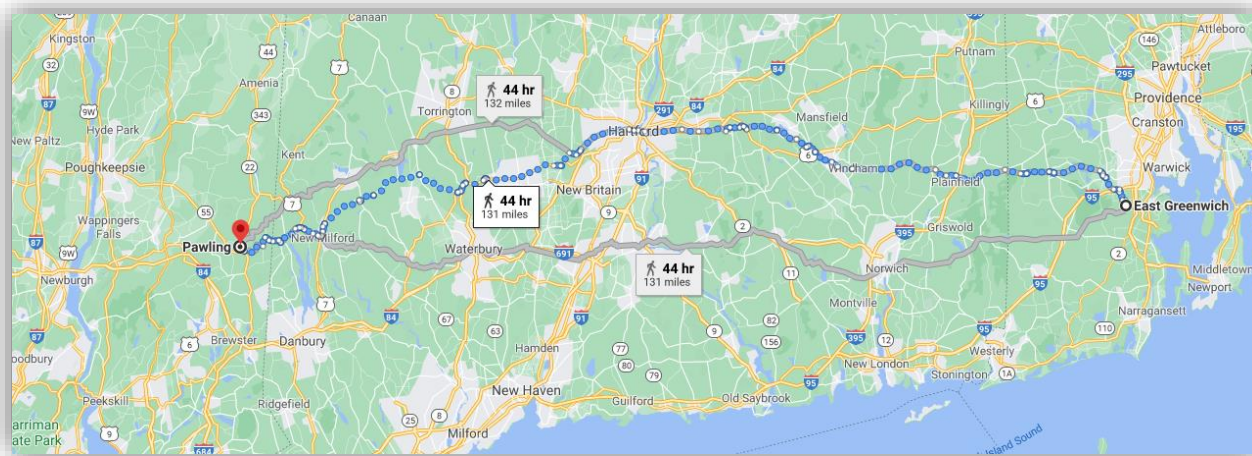


Figure 19: East Greenwich to Pawling

Elizabeth and Theophilus had a big family, including:

1. Rodman Spencer (1759-1811)
2. Michael Spencer (1761-?)
3. Zilpha Spencer (1777-?)
4. **Enoch Spencer** (1779-1869)
5. Mary Ann Spencer (1788-?)
6. Martha Spencer (dates unknown)
7. Eunice Spencer (dates unknown)
8. Elizabeth Spencer (dates unknown)
9. Abigail Spencer (dates unknown)
10. Theophilus Spencer (dates unknown)

Rodman was born in Connecticut while they were moving to New York. All of the other children were born in Pawling.

Theophilus died in 1793 and is probably buried on the family farm. Elizabeth was living with her son Enoch in 1800 (per census) but she was not found in 1810, suggesting she died sometime between those dates.

Chapter 4.

The American Spencers

Theophilus was generally too old to participate in the Revolutionary War and Enoch was too young.

As mentioned in the last chapter, Enoch's brother Rodman joined the Loyalists. It's unclear if Enoch's brother Michael served since I haven't found where he died (yet).



By the way, the flag above was the first official flag used by the Continental Congress. It was modeled after the flag of the British East India Company. A year later (1777), the flag was replaced with the more familiar "stars and stripes".

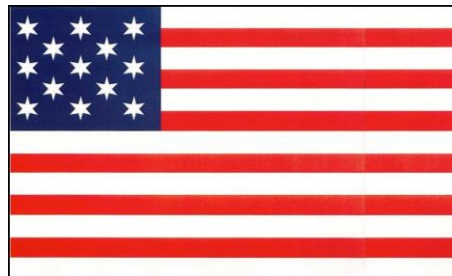


Figure 20: First 'Stars and Stripes'

The 6-pointed stars were later replaced with 5-pointed stars in 1795.

Enoch Spencer (1779)

Lineage: Theophilus (1732) ► Michael (1709) ► Robert (1674) ►
John (1638) ► Michael (1611) ► Gerard (1576) ►
Michael (1531) ► John (1505)

Enoch Spencer was born June 8, 1779 in Pawling, Dutchess County, New York. His parents were Theophilus Spencer (1732-1793) and Elizabeth Matteson (abt.1734/35-aft.1800).

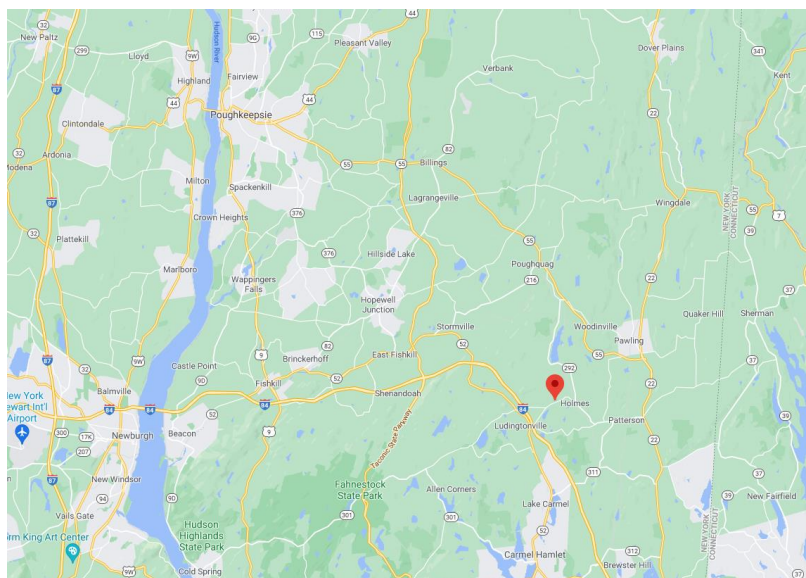


Figure 21: Pawling/Holmes, Dutchess County, New York

Enoch married **Lydia Turner**, daughter of Stephen Turner, Sr. (1761-abt.1840) and Amy Bennett (1763-?). The Spencers and Turners had neighboring farms. In fact, many of both families are buried in a small family cemetery on Holmes Road in Pawling. The cemetery gives us a general idea where the farms were.

Lydia was born November 26, 1784 in Pawling.

They had the following children:

1. **Lyman Spencer** (1803-1898)
2. Annie/Annis Spencer (1805-?) married _____ Collier or Connor
3. Horace Spencer, Sr. (1811-1882)
4. Belinda Spencer (1813-1856)
5. Bennett Spencer (1815-1891)
6. Abigail Spencer (1818-?) married _____ Sickler
7. Rhoda Spencer (1819-?)
8. Laura A. Spencer (1824-1911)

Both Lyman and Horace moved away from Pawling and both ended up in Bradford County, Pennsylvania. It appears that Bennett remained on the family farm.

Enoch was living with his daughters Anne and Abigail. In 1860, Abby's son Bennett (1848) and daughter Mary (1850) were also living with Enoch. They also had a teacher boarding with the family.

40	110	dw	75	110	Enoch Spencer	86	M		
41					Anna Collier	60	F	Daughter	
42					Abby Sickler	47	F	Daughter	
43									

Figure 22: 1865 New York State Census

Lydia died about 1840 and Enoch died June 3, 1869, just a few days shy of his 90th birthday. Both are buried in the family cemetery on Holmes Road (about one-quarter mile from South Road on the right; watch out for poison ivy!). Enoch has a headstone but it's unclear if Lydia has one.

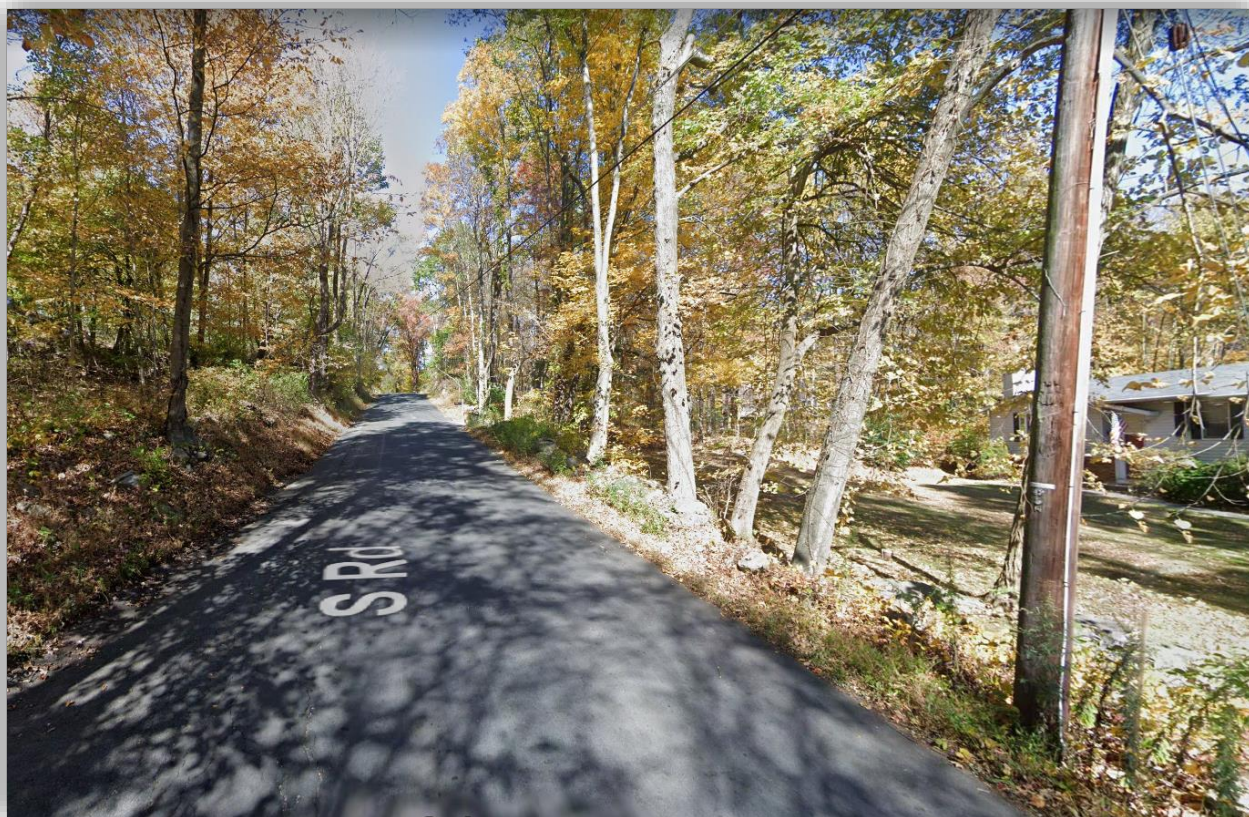


Figure 23: South Road, Pawling, New York (Google Maps)

You can't see the cemetery or any stones from the road unless you have a spotter with you. The Turner and Spencer farms were in this area but I wasn't able to find the actual farm houses, if they still exist.

Also, if you visit, **watch out for poison ivy!**

Lyman Spencer (1803)

Lineage: Enoch (1779) ► Theophilus (1732) ► Michael (1709) ►
Robert (1674) ► John (1638) ► Michael (1611) ►
Gerard (1576) ► Michael (1531) ► John (1505)

Lyman Spencer was born January 9, 1803 in Pawling to Enoch Spencer (1779-1869) and Lydia Turner (1784-abt.1840).

He married Esther Lydia Brownell on May 27, 1826 in Pawling. Many weddings were held at the bride's home while others might be in a nearby church.

Esther was born August 12, 1805 in Pawling to Edward I. Brownell, Jr. (1782-1836) and Elizabeth Denton (1787-1821).

They had the following children:

1. James Wright Spencer (1827-1901)
2. Elizabeth Ann Spencer (1829-1901)
3. David Wesley Spencer (1831-1848)
4. Lydia Spencer (1834-1916)
5. John Wordin Spencer (1837- bef.1850)
6. Clarissa Spencer (1840-1887)
7. **Henry Clay Spencer** (1844-1929)
8. Esther Annis/Annie Spencer (1847-bef.1850)
9. Lyman Harvey Spencer (1849-1935)

I don't know what happened to David, John or Esther.

The handwriting is hard to read and the ink has faded quite a lot but we get a lot of information about the children listed above from this one important page. Thanks to Jane Gerber for photographing and sharing it with us.

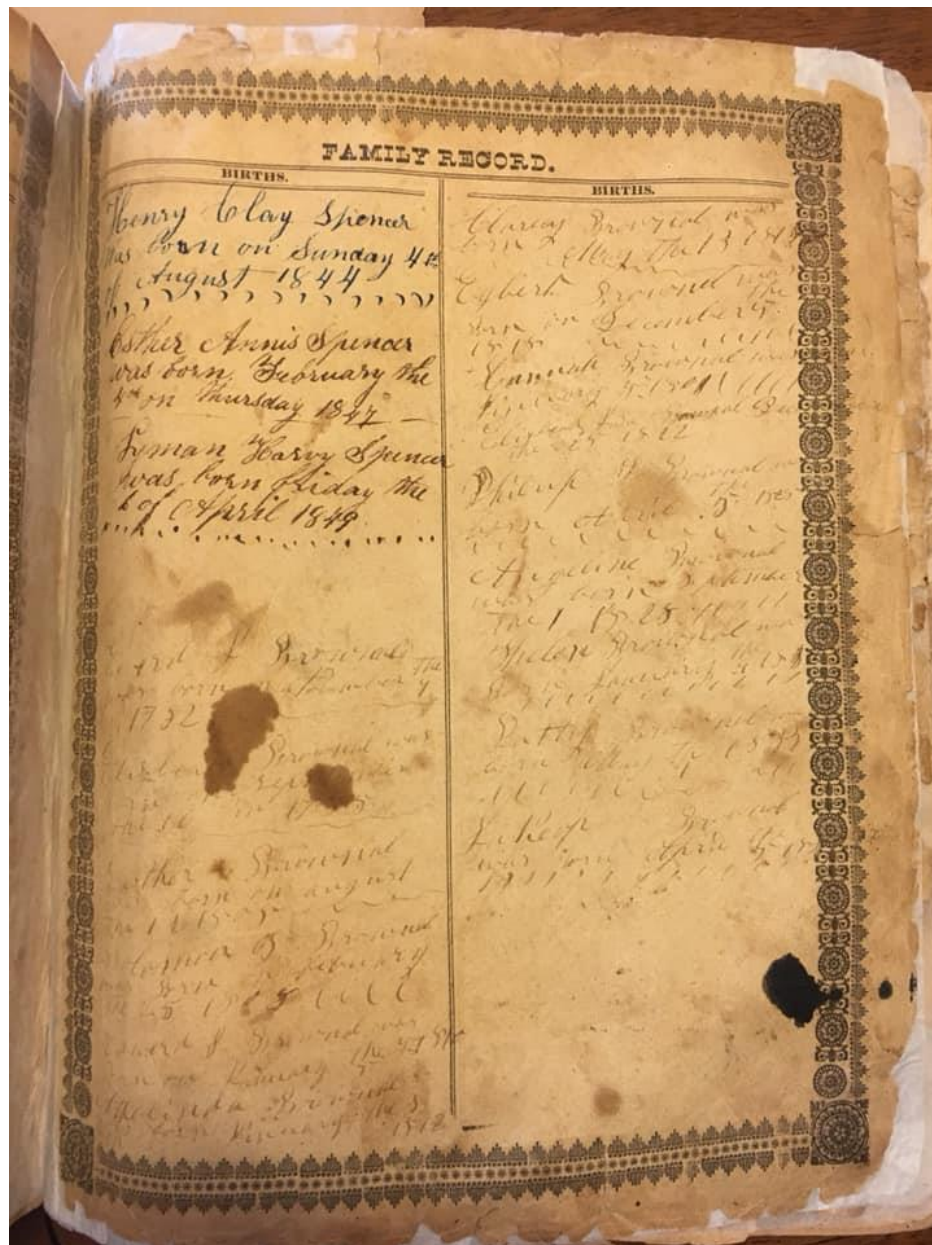


Figure 24: Spencer Bible

James, Elizabeth, and Lydia moved to Burlington Township, Bradford County, Pennsylvania before 1850. Elizabeth married Daniel Denton Selleck (1823-1885) of Pawling and Lydia married Samuel Whitehead (1830-1911) of Connecticut.

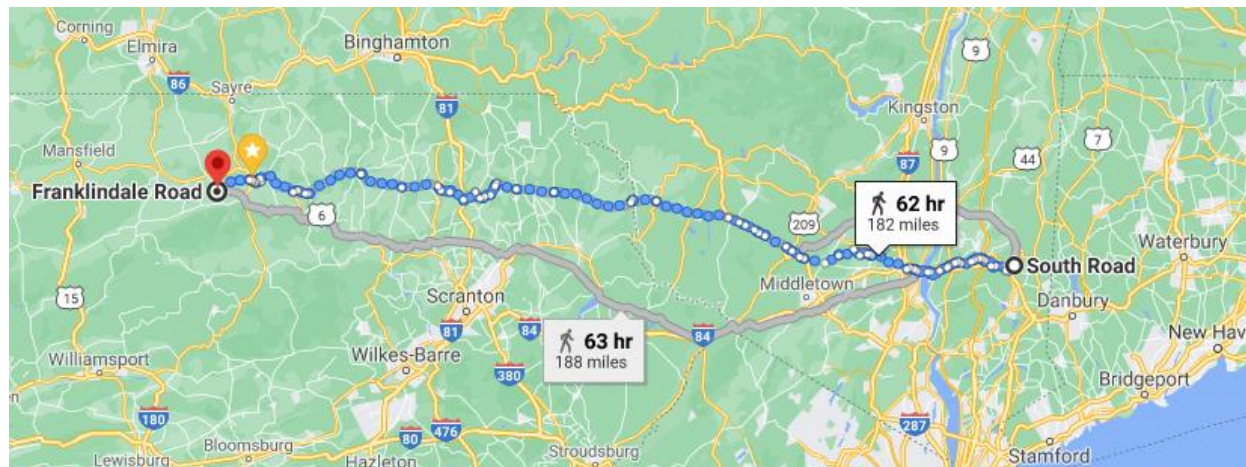


Figure 25: Pawling to Burlington

James married twice in Bradford County then moved to Michigan where he served as a Republican in the state legislature and, finally, lived with his eldest daughter in Los Gatos, California until his death.

Lyman and Esther moved to Burlington Township about 1867. Their sons Henry and Harvey moved with them. Their daughter Clarissa (1840-1887) married Charles Utter (1834-1932) and remained in Dutchess County.

Lyman bought a farm on the Franklin Road in the southern part of Burlington Township.

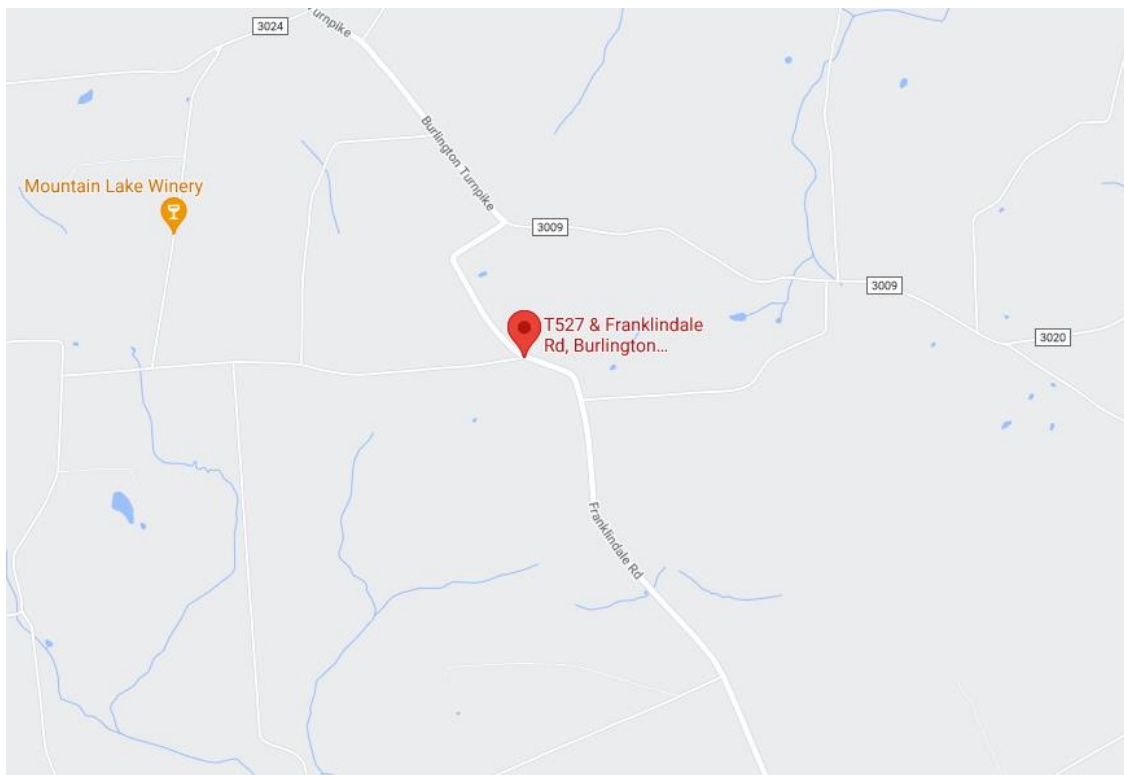


Figure 26: General area of Lyman's farm

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Figure 27: 1869 Map of southern Burlington Township

The main road is now called Franklin Road or Franklindale Road while the crossroad near Lyman's house is called E Road.

A modern map (Google Maps) identifies where the farms were.

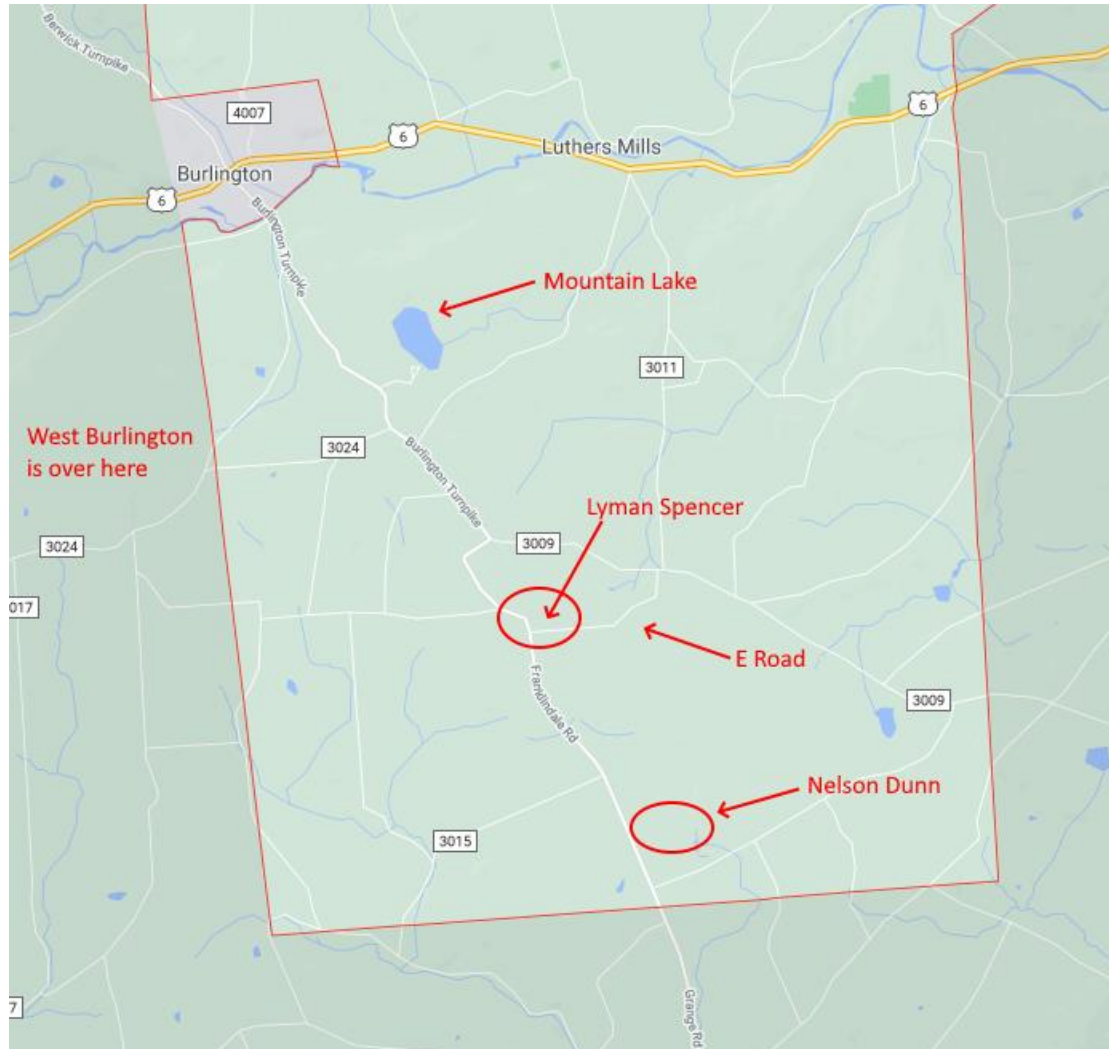


Figure 28: Google Maps of Spencer/Dunn Farms

I don't know where or when the idea that the Spencers lived in West Burlington Township got started but they only lived in the southern part of Burlington Township. The 1869 map shows this.



Figure 29: Google Maps view of Franklin & E roads

Esther died March 10, 1885 and is buried at Mt. Lake Cemetery in Burlington Township. Lyman died April 17, 1898 and his buried with Esther.



Figure 30: Lyman Spencer (1803-1898)

Henry Clay Spencer (1844)

Lineage: Lyman (1803) ► Enoch (1779) ► Theophilus (1732) ►
Michael (1709) ► Robert (1674) ► John (1638) ►
Michael (1611) ► Gerard (1576) ► Michael (1531) ►
John (1505)

Henry Clay Spencer was born August 4, 1844 in Pawling, Dutchess County, New York. His parents were Lyman Spencer (1803-1898) and Esther Lydia Brownell (1805-1885).

During the American Civil War (1861-1865), our cousin Tom McIntosh said Henry worked in a cannon factory. The only cannon factory near Pawling was the West Point Foundry located in Cold Spring, Putnam County, New York.

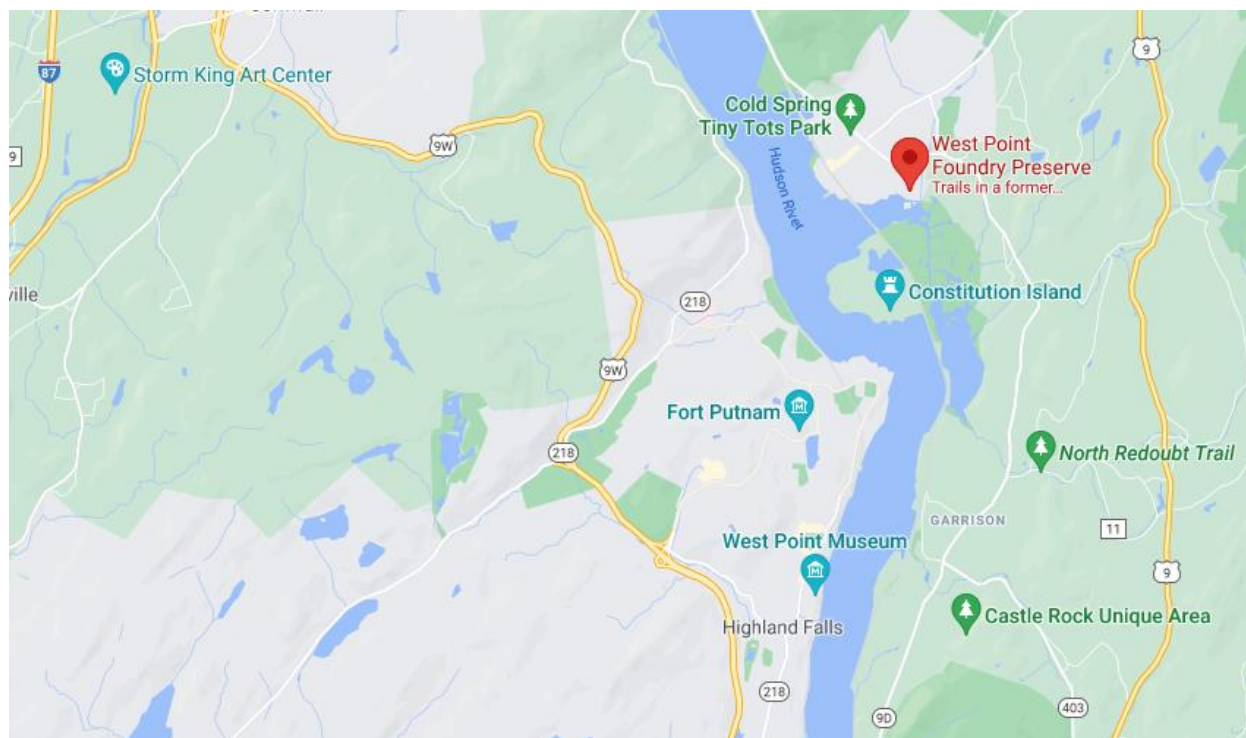


Figure 31: West Point Foundry location

There is a preserve/park there now if you want to visit.

The West Point Foundry was established in 1818 and continued to operate until 1911. During the Civil War, they made Parrott “rifles” (rifled cannons) and munitions for the Union. I haven’t found any employment record yet but I am looking.

The 10-pound Parrott Rifles (below) were on every battle field. There were also heavier guns produced by the foundry, such as a 200-pound gun, that were used by “heavy artillery” battalions.



Figure 32: 10-pound Parrott Rifle (Wikipedia)

This gun could throw a 9.5-pound shell about 1,850 yards (5,550 feet or about 1 mile).

The heavier version of the Parrot Rifle could throw a 200-pound shell about 2,000 yards (about 6,000 feet or over 1 mile).

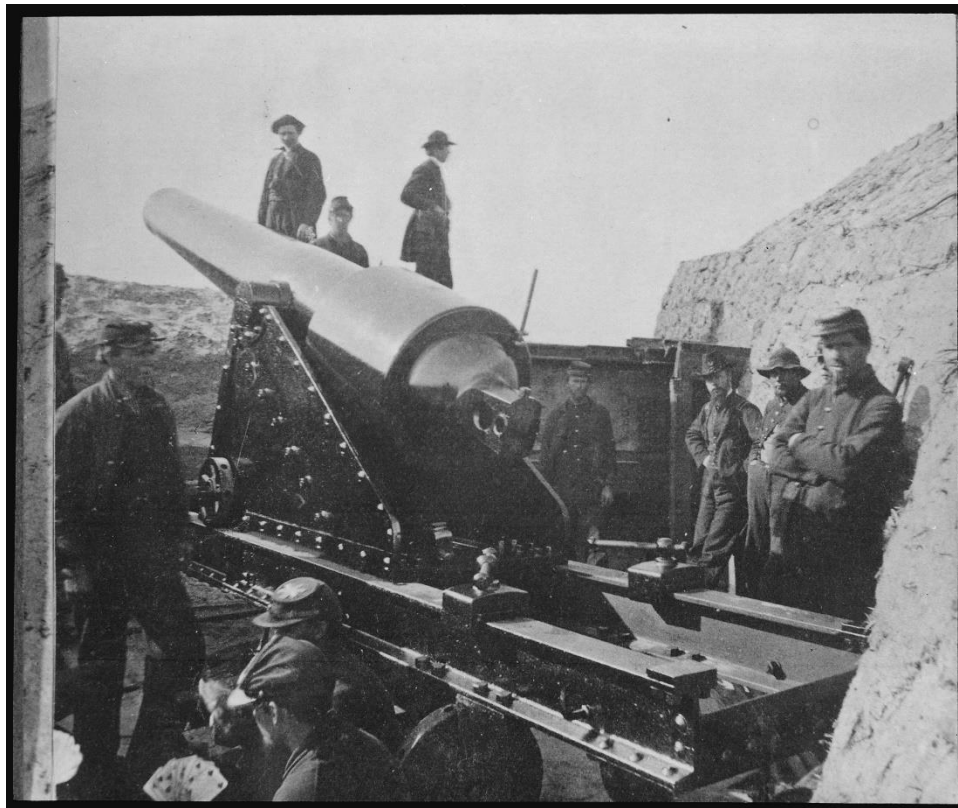


Figure 33: 200-pound Parrot Rifle (Wikipedia)

In 1867, Henry moved to Burlington Township, Bradford County, Pennsylvania with his brother Harvey and parents. Henry and his father bought land in the southern part of Burlington Township.

On June 23, 1867 Henry married **Amanda Jane Dunn**, daughter of Nelson Dunn (1822-1904) and Julia Ann Jennings (1829-1918). The Dunn family lived near the Spencer's new farm on the Franklin Road in Burlington Township.

Henry and Amanda had the following children:

1. Nelson Dunn Spencer (1868-1953)
2. Augusta Spencer (1869-1876)
3. Lyman Spencer (1872-1969)
4. Joseph Milan "Milan" Spencer (1873-1952)
5. Henry Homer "Homer" Spencer (1875-1964)
6. Bayard Emanuel Spencer (1878-1959)
7. Nellie Spencer (1880-1978)
8. Elsie Esther "Bessie" Spencer (1883-1942)
9. Thomas Delano Spencer (1885-1947)
10. Edward Augustus Spencer (1888-1983)
11. George Maxwell Spencer (1890-1964)

Henry also helped build the Methodist Episcopal Church in Burlington Township (near Mt. Lake Cemetery).



Figure 34: Mt. Lake M.E. Church

Amanda died October 4, 1925 in Towanda. She was living with her daughter Nellie at the time.

Henry died January 15, 1929 in Towanda. He had also been living with his daughter Nellie.

Form V. S. No. 5-50M-5-11-25

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

1. PLACE OF DEATH
County of Bradford
Township of Towanda
or Borough of Towanda
City of Towanda (No. St. Ward)

Registration District No.
Primary Registration District No. 08-07-41

File No. 9 3748
Registered No.

2. FULL NAME Henry C. Spencer

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3. SEX Male 4. COLOR OR RACE W 5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED (write the word) Widower

6. DATE OF BIRTH (month, day, and year) Dec 20 - 1844

7. AGE Years 84 Months 5 Days 11 IF LESS than 1 day, hrs. or min.

8. OCCUPATION OF DECEASED
(a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work Retired
(b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer)
(c) Name of employer

9. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) Dutchess Co New York
(State or country)

10. NAME OF FATHER Lyman Spencer
(State or country) Dutchess Co New York

11. BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (city or town) Dutchess Co New York
(State or country)

12. NAME OF MOTHER Ester Brownell
(State or country) Dutchess Co New York

13. BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (city or town) Dutchess Co New York
(State or country)

14. Informant Mildred Spencer
(Address) Days, Pa

15. Filed Jan 17, 1929 Arthur P. Watson
11-3184 REGISTRAR

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16. DATE OF DEATH Jan 15 1929
(Month) (Day) (Year)

17. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from, Dec 20, 1928, to Jan 15, 1929, that I last saw him alive on Jan 15, 1929, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 1:30 P m

The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:
General Arteriosclerosis
129-90
(duration) 10 yrs. mos. ds.

CONTRIBUTORY (SECONDARY) Chronic Nephritis and Hypertension (duration) 5 yrs. mos. ds.

18. Where was disease contracted Home
If not at place of death?

Did an operation precede death? No Date of

Was there an autopsy? No

What test confirmed diagnosis? Clinical
(Signed) E. Richardson M. D.
Jan 17, 1929 (Address) Towanda, Pa.

*State the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, or in deaths from VIOLENT CAUSES, state (1) MEANS AND NATURE OF INJURY, and (2) whether ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL, OR HOMICIDAL. (See reverse side for additional space.)

19. PLACE OF BURIAL, CREMATION OR REMOVAL Art Lake, Burlington Pa DATE OF BURIAL Jan 18-9

20. UNDERTAKER Smith & McLean Towanda Pa ADDRESS

MARGIN RESERVED FOR BINDING

WRITE PLAINLY WITH UNFADING INK—THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD. INFORMATION SHOULD BE CAREFULLY SUPPLIED. AGE SHOULD BE STATED EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS SHOULD STATE CAUSE OF DEATH IN PLAIN TERMS, SO THAT IT MAY BE PROPERLY CLASSIFIED. EXACT STATEMENT OF OCCUPATION IS VERY IMPORTANT. SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON BACK OF CERTIFICATE.

N. B.—Every item of information should be carefully supplied. AGE SHOULD BE STATED EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS SHOULD STATE CAUSE OF DEATH IN PLAIN TERMS, SO THAT IT MAY BE PROPERLY CLASSIFIED. EXACT STATEMENT OF OCCUPATION IS VERY IMPORTANT. SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON BACK OF CERTIFICATE.

Figure 35: Henry Clay Spencer's Death Certificate

There is some confusion about when Henry died since his grave stone says he died in 1928.



Figure 36: Henry's & Amanda's Gravestone



His grave stone is wrong. Whoever cut the stone got the wrong information or just made a mistake. Henry died in 1929 according to the doctor who signed his death certificate.

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH			
16. DATE OF DEATH			
Jan.		15	1929
(Month)		(Day)	(Year)
17. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from,			
Dec. 20		1928	to Jan. 15, 1929
that I last saw him		alive on Jan. 15,	1929
and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at		130 P.	m

Figure 37: Henry Clay Spencer's Date of Death

All of the dates say 1929 on the death certificate and I'm sure the undertaker or the county registrar would have noticed if the year was wrong.

Both are buried with their daughter Augusta at Mt. Lake Cemetery.

Photos



Figure 38: Henry Clay Spencer (colorized)

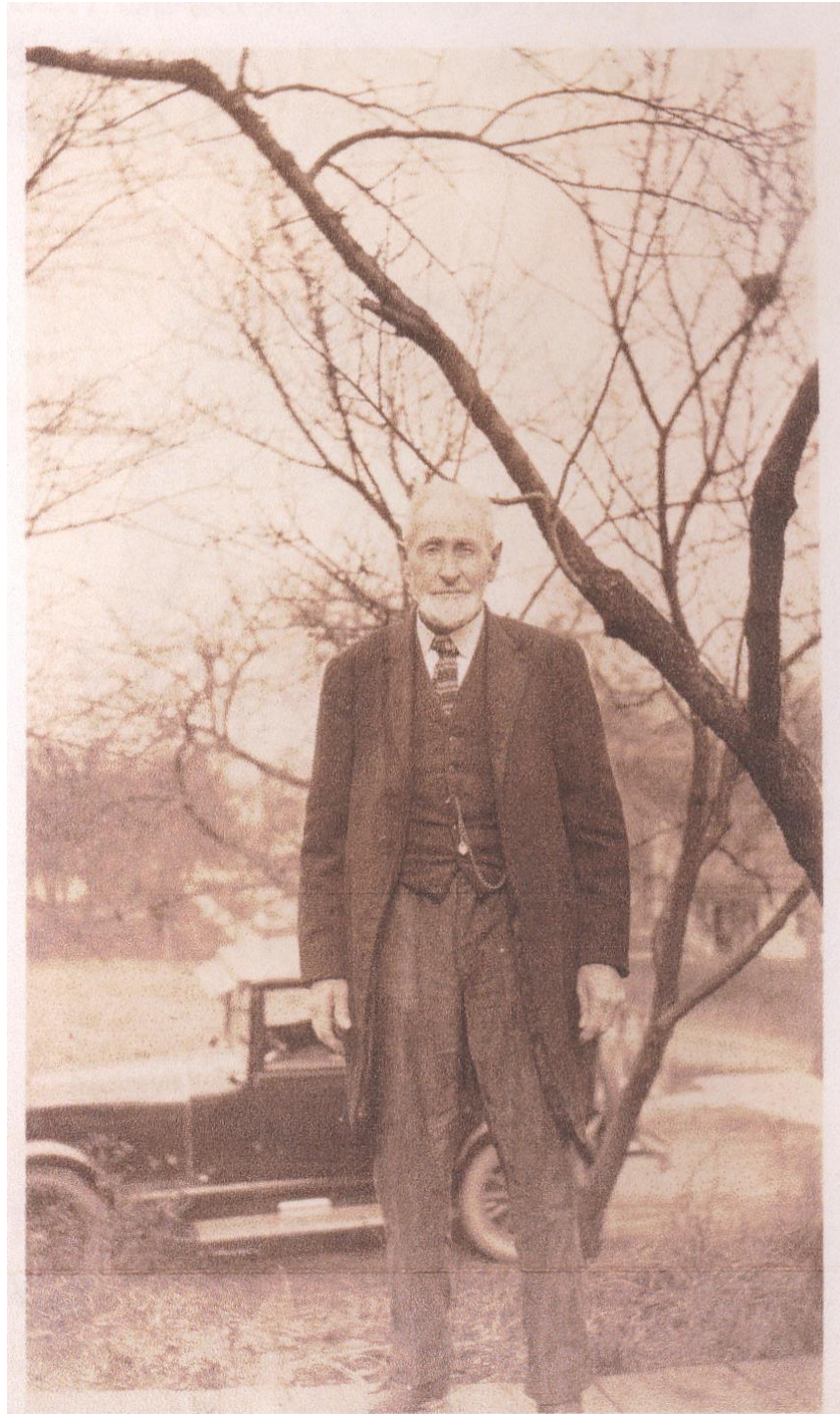


Figure 39: Henry Clay Spencer



Figure 40: Amanda Spencer (younger)



Figure 41: Amanda Dunn Spencer, abt. 45-years-old

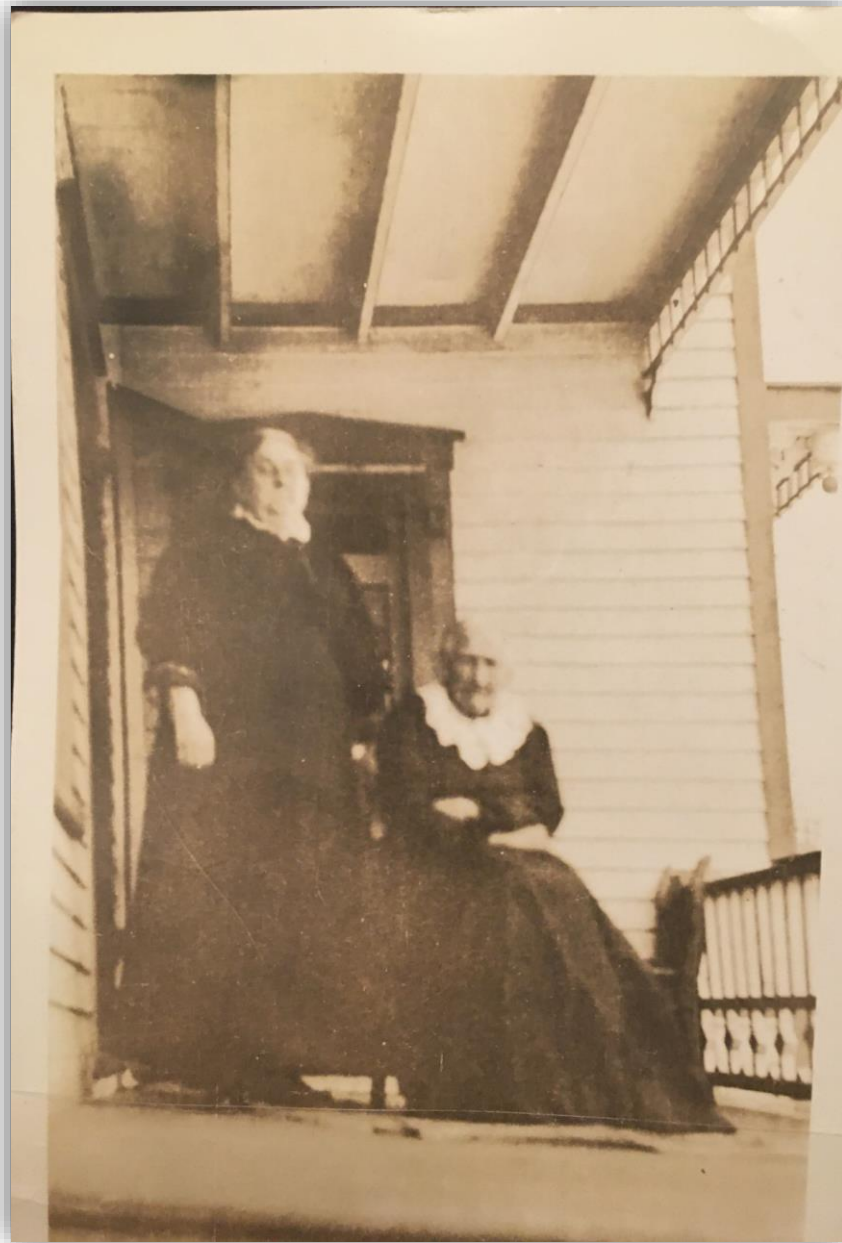


Figure 42: Amanda & Julia Spencer



Figure 43: H. C. Spencer & Family Haying



Figure 44: H. C. Spencer House & Cornfield



Figure 45: H. C. Spencer Homestead



Figure 46: Amanda Spencer (by house)



Figure 47: Amanda Jane Spencer (older)

Dunn Inheritance

Laury Baker found the record of how Nelson Dunn's farm was distributed in 1906. Nelson died September 10, 1904 in Burlington Township. His farm was divided among his daughter and grandsons.

NAME OF TAXABLE, Written alphabetically in full.	Real Estate with Improvements.		Valuation.		Cleared Land.		Timbered Land.		REMARKS: Additions or Abatements made by Board of Revision or Commissioners.	Mules.		Horses.		Valuation.		Cows.		Oxen.		Valuation.	Aggregate Valuation of Horses, Mules, Cows, Oxen.	Name of Trade or Company of Taxable.	Valuation of Personal Property, Furniture, etc., Single Person.	Amount of Judgments, Money due, etc.	Amounts Exceeding \$100.	Stages, Omnibuses, Hacks, Cabs, etc.	Dog.	Bitch.	Aggregate Valuation of Personal Property, Furniture, etc., Single Person.
	No. Acres.	Dols.	No. Acres.	Dols.	No. Acres.	Dols.	No. Acres.	Dols.		No.	Dols.	No.	Dols.	No.	Dols.	No.	Dols.	No.	Dols.										
Darrow Josiah S.	100	1890	100							3	209	13	255									Henry							2145
Dibble Joel	80	2100	80							2	384	60	110									1							2210
Dodge H. L.	48	1200	48							3	45	45										1							1245
Dunn Nelson Est.	102	2500	102						102 a 2500 to Nelson S. Spencer					20 a 375 to Thomas D. Spencer								20 a 375 to Milan J. Spencer							6000
	18	500	18						18 a 500 to George M. and Edward A. Spencer					23 1/2 a 400 to Bayard Emanuel Spencer								23 1/2 a 400 to H. H. Spencer							
	60	1000	60						60 a 1000 to Lyman Spencer																				
	13	450	13						13 a 450 to Amanda Spencer																				
Dickson Alexis Est.	45	755	45																										755
Davis W. S.	100	1600	100																			1							1600
	50	50	50																										50

Figure 48: Nelson Dunn Bequests (1906)

Nelson had 280 acres total.

- 102 acres (\$2,500) to Nelson Dunn Spencer
- 18 acres (\$500) to George M. and Edward A. Spencer
- 60 acres (\$1,000) to Lyman Spencer
- 13 acres (\$450) to Amanda Spencer
- 20 acres (\$375) to Thomas D. Spencer
- 20 acres (\$375) to Milan J. Spencer
- 23-½ acres (\$400) to Bayard Emanuel Spencer
- 23-½ acres (\$400) to Henry Homer Spencer

You might notice that neither Nellie nor Bessie received land. I need to find Nelson's will to find out what they received, but it was likely to be household goods such as dishes or linens, plus cash.

One last note. The "Esq" following Nelson's name was used to indicate an esteemed member of the community. Today, it's generally reserved for lawyers or other 'professional' or 'licensed' individual but, in those days, it had a less restrictive meaning.

Chapter 5.

Henry's & Amanda's Descendants

These are the children and grandchildren of Henry Clay Spencer (1844-1929) and Amanda Jane Dunn (1850-1925). All of the children were born in Burlington Township, most likely on their farm in the "Fairview" area of the township. Their farm was located on the Franklin Road near E Road in the southern part of Burlington Township.



Figure 49: Henry & Amanda Spencer Family

Yes, I know this isn't a great photo but I can't find the original. If you know where a good copy is, please let me know.

Nelson Dunn Spencer

Nelson Dunn Spencer was born August 4, 1868 on his father's 24th birthday. He lived most of his adult life in Franklindale and Monroeton.

Nelson first married Mamie Lantz, who was born October 13, 1872 to George W. Lantz (1833-?) and Margaret R. Annabel (1843-?), on September 14, 1893 in Waverly, Tioga County, New York.

They had 3 children:

1. Theron Ezra Spencer (1894-1963)
2. Daniel Lantz Spencer (1897-1961)
3. Clyde Rodney Spencer (1900-1930) was born April 23, 1900. He died in a hunting accident on December 2, 1930 in Burlington.



Figure 50: Mamie & Nelson Spencer

Left to right below: Clyde, Theron, and Daniel.



Figure 51: Nelson Spencer's Sons

Mamie died on January 13, 1905 at their home in Burlington Township.

Left to right: Nelson Dunn Spencer (1868), Theron Ezra Spencer (1894), Clyde Rodney Spencer (1900), and Daniel Lantz Spencer (1897).

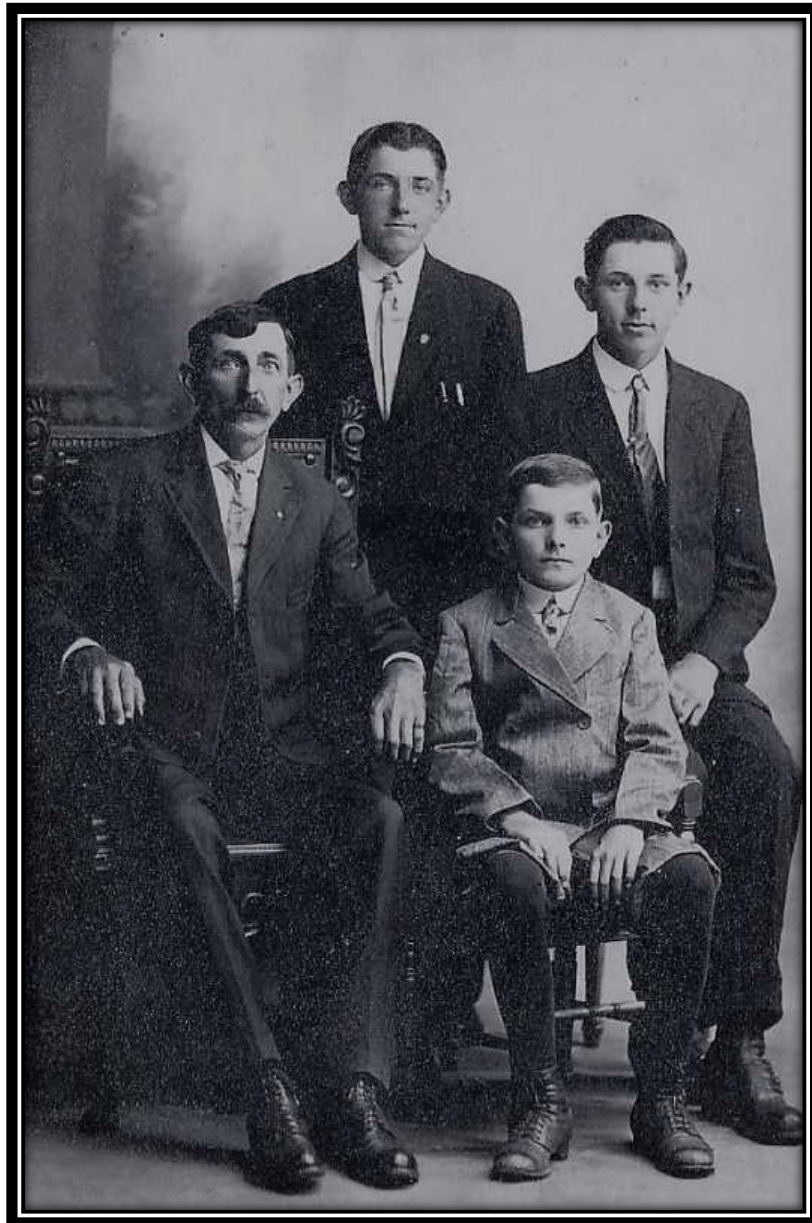


Figure 52: Nelson Spencer & sons

Nelson then married Mamie's sister Jennie Lantz on March 24, 1906 in Towanda. Jennie was born in August 1868. They had:

4. (stillborn girl)

Jennie died July 22, 1908 in Franklin Township (or Franklindale). She had been married to a Goss before marrying Nelson and had a daughter, Helen Goss (1890-?), from her first marriage.

Nelson later married Margaret Seward on April 7, 1920 in Tarrytown, Westchester County, New York. Margaret was born in 1878 in in Northern Ireland, and died in 1971. Her father was from Scotland and her mother from England. She married Fred Rockwell after Nelson died. Nelson and Margaret did not have any children.

Nelson died February 26, 1953 at his home in Monroeton where he had lived for about 10 years. He was a member of the Methodist Church in Monroeton and an Odd Fellows of West Franklin. He was buried in Franklindale Cemetery.

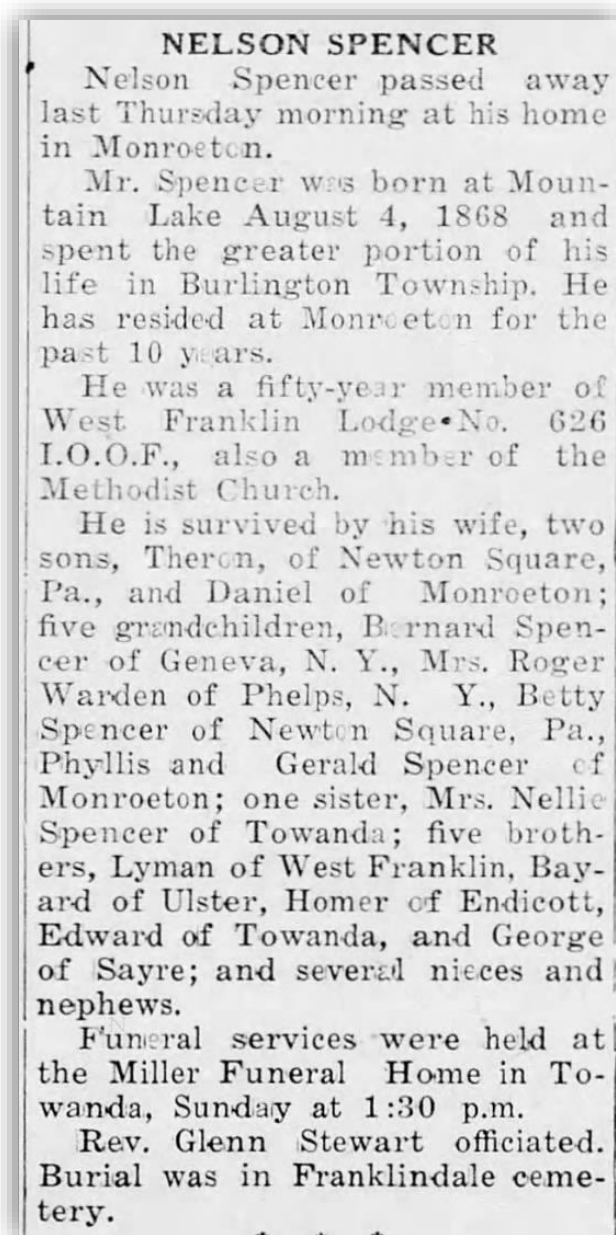


Figure 53: Nelson Dunn Obituary (1953), Canton Sentinel

Theron Ezra Spencer (1894-1963)

Theron was born September 11, 1894 in Burlington. He married Mildred J. Strait on May 20, 1920 in Addison, Steuben County, New York.



Figure 54: Marriage Announcement

Mildred was born November 19, 1895 in Wadena, Minnesota to Walter Strait (1861-?) and Gertrude Merring (1868-?). She was a teacher.

They had the following children:

1. Bernard Wesley Spencer was born January 7, 1922 in Penn Yan, Yates County, New York. He died May 10, 2010 in California.
2. Barbara Gertrude Spencer was born October 1, 1923 in Addison, Steuben County, New York. She married Roger Franklin Warden on July 6, 1946 in Geneva, Ontario County, New York.

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Theron later married Stella Mary Olewine. Stella was born January 5, 1893 at Slatington, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Theron and Stella had:

3. Elizabeth Mary Spencer was born September 26, 1931. She married Edgar Kenneth Rowland (1919-1996) and had 2 daughters. Elizabeth died February 16, 2018. Kenneth was born October 27, 1919 and died January 11, 1996.

Theron died September 24, 1963 in Newtown Square, Delaware County, Pennsylvania. Stella died January 7, 1985.

Daniel Lantz Spencer (1897-1961)

Daniel was born January 31, 1897 in Burlington. He married Pearl B. Baker on September 26, 1925 in Dushore, Sullivan County, Pennsylvania. Pearl was born July 25, 1896.

They had:

1. Phyllis Naomi Spencer was born June 24, 1929 in Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. She married Claude Altieri of South Waverly on November 24, 1964 in Towanda. They met while she was a nurse at Robert Packer Hospital in Sayre. Phyllis died May 14, 2010.

Claude was born October 16, 1926 in the province of Benevento, Campania, Italy. He died March 23, 1997 and they are both buried in Athens. They had 2 boys and 1 girl.

2. Gerald Nelson Spencer was born May 9, 1955 and died September 22, 1956 in Pensacola, Florida of polio while serving with the United States Navy.

Daniel died July 15, 1961 in South Waverly. Pearl died March 29, 2000. They are buried at Towanda.

Augusta Spencer

Augusta “Gusty” Spencer was born November 13, 1869 in Burlington Township to Henry Clay Spencer (1844-1929) and Amanda Jane Dunn (1850-1925).

Augusta contracted scarlet fever and died on March 13, 1876 at the age of 6 years old. She is buried at Mt. Lake Cemetery in Burlington Township with her parents. The entire family suffered from the disease at the same time.



Figure 55: Augusta Spencer (colorized)

An interesting note about this photo is that she is probably being held by her mother. Mothers would often hide under a blanket to hold their children during a photo session. Her mother could be talking to Augusta to help keep her still and focused on the photographer. That could be why her arms are folded as they are.

She was considered a child prodigy according to her brother Lyman (1872-1969). Tom McIntosh reported – based on an interview with Lyman – that “she could stand before a group and deliver a sermon amazing for one so young.”

Lyman Spencer

Lyman Spencer was born February 14, 1872.

He taught school in South Burlington (the southern part of Burlington Township) with 14 students starting September 3, 1894 according to the Bradford Star newspaper (page 4, column 1).

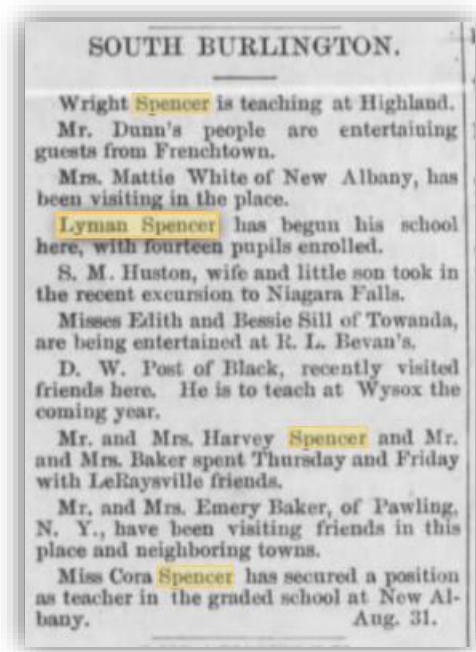


Figure 56: Bradford Star, 3 Sep 1894, Page 4

By December 1894 he was teaching in Monroe Township, Wright Spencer had replaced Lyman in South Burlington.

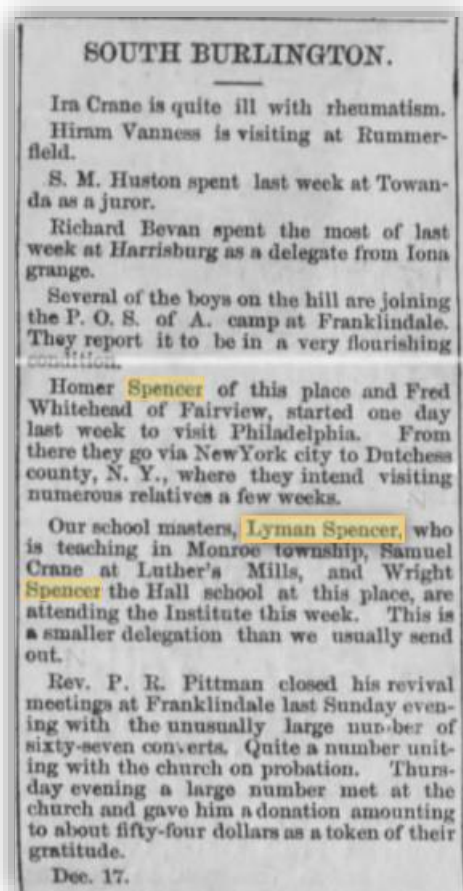


Figure 57: Bradford Star, 20 Dec 1894, Page 4

In May of 1896, both Lyman and Wright Spencer were attending the Susquehanna Collegiate Institute (SCI) in Towanda. It looks like Lyman taught school for about 5 years.

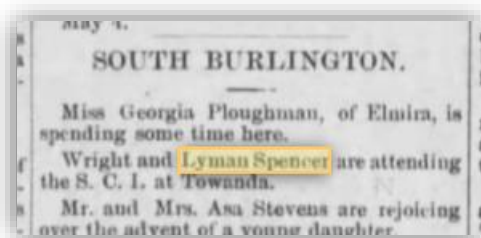


Figure 58: Bradford Star, 7 May 1896, Page 4

By 1900, Lyman was living with his maternal grandparents, Nelson Dunn (1822-1904) and Julia Ann Jennings (1829-1918) in Burlington Township. He was 28 and, apparently, helping his 78-year-old grandfather on the farm.

Lyman and his brother Edward were living on a farm next to their parents in 1910. Possibly Nelson Dunn's farm?

Lyman married Elinor Sarah Dinsmore on June 24, 1916 at Springville, Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania. Elinor was the daughter of Charles W. Dinsmore (1864-?) and Ella Augusta Baker (1851-?). It appears Elinor was born in Indiana.

Elinor was also a school teacher from Buffalo, New York for 10 years. So, they had a shared interest in teaching and education.

They had the following children:

1. Mary Spencer (1917-1917)
2. Julia Ann Spencer (1918-1981) married Randall Thomas McIntosh (1911-1997)
 1. Thomas Randall McIntosh (1939-2015)
 2. James L. McIntosh
 3. Richard C. McIntosh
3. Lincoln Dinsmore Spencer (1920-2011) married Marie Evelyn Williams (1926) 1st and Stella Lantz 2nd; no children from 2nd marriage
 1. Jane M. Spencer (1946) married Larry Gerber (1944); they had 3 girls.
 2. Nancy Lynn Spencer (1949) married Randy Sergeant; they had 1 boy and 1 girl.
 3. John Lyman Spencer

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4. Selden James Spencer (1923-2020) married Mary Jean Mumford (1921-2018) on May 19, 1951
 1. James Theodore Spencer, MD (1954)
 2. Paul Selden Spencer (1957)
5. Patricia Jane Spencer (1925-2004) married Harold Ernest Selleck (1919-2003) on September 15, 1946
 1. Wayne Harold Selleck (1948-1971)
 2. Timothy Lee Selleck (1950)
 3. David Arthur Selleck (1954)

Lyman and Elinor were living on farm on the “Franklin Dale Road” in 1920 along with her mother and daughter Julia. (The 1920 census was collected in January so Lincoln was not born yet.)

Lyman read *The Daily Review* newspaper from Towanda and *The Reader's Digest* into his 95th year, according to Tom McIntosh. He voted in every election from 1892 to 1966 as a Republican. Lyman also held various offices in Burlington Township including school director, auditor, and road supervisor.

Lyman died December 22, 1969 in Troy and Elinor died January 24, 1971 in Burlington Township. Both are buried in the Mt. Lake Cemetery.

Photos

The caption says, "LYMAN SPENCER (1872-1969). The teacher who married Elinor Sarah Dinsmore in 1916."



Figure 59: Lyman Spencer (1872-1969)

This photo includes brothers George Spencer (1890-1964), Milan (1873-1952), Lyman (1872-1969), and cousin Fred Whitehead (1872-1964).



Figure 60: George, Milan & Lyman Spencer w/cousin

Freddie was the son of Lydia Spencer (1834-1916) and Samuel Whitehead (1830-1911). He was Henry Clay Spencer's nephew.



Figure 61: With hats this time!



Figure 62: Lyman Spencer on the farm

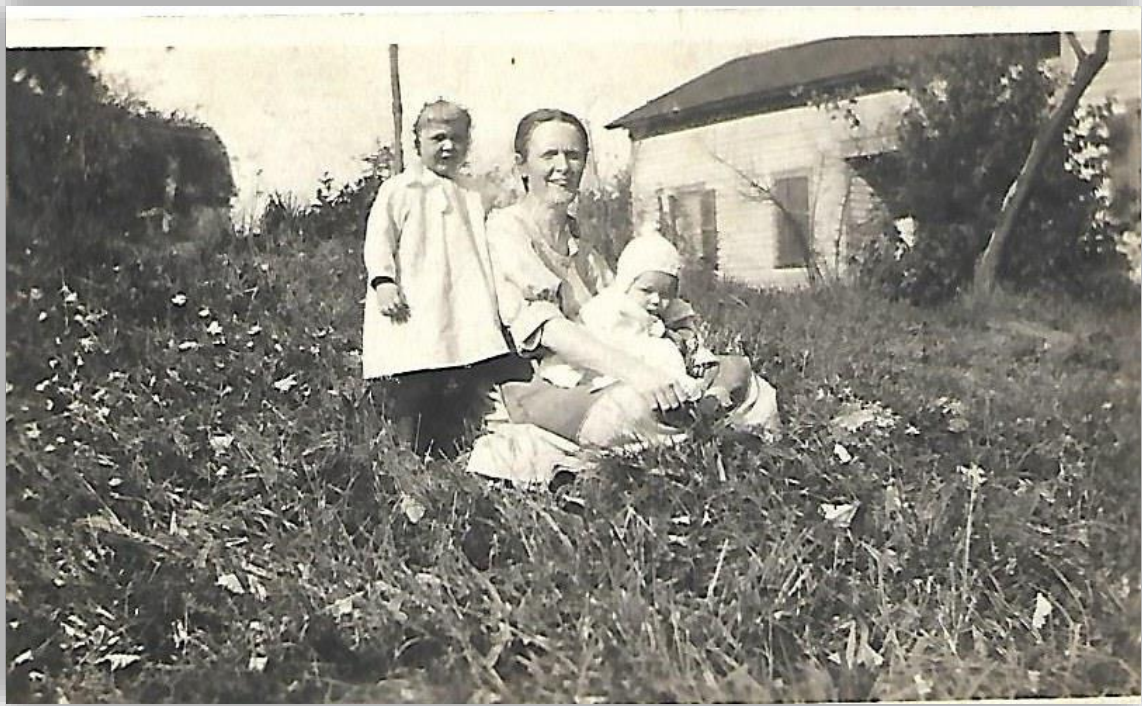


Figure 63: Elinor Spencer with children Julia and Lincoln



Figure 64: Lyman Spencer with horses



Figure 65: Elinor & Lyman Spencer (1966)

Photo of Selden, Patricia Jane & Lincoln Spencer taken by Julia Ann (Spender) McIntosh.



Figure 66: Selden, Patricia, and Lincoln Spencer

I swear there's a gangster movie or maybe a political thriller being filmed based on their poses (okay, that was a joke but this is a great pic).

Julia Ann Spencer (1918-1981)

Julia was born April 25, 1918 in Burlington. She married Randall Thomas McIntosh, who was born August 21, 1911. They had 3 sons:

1. Thomas Randall McIntosh was born September 18, 1939 in Blossburg, Tioga County, Pennsylvania. He married Flora “Becky” Jackson (no children). Tom died in a house fire on January 23, 2015 in Rocky Mount, Nash County, North Carolina.
2. James L. McIntosh
3. Richard C. McIntosh

Tom wrote and shared the Spencer family history for the annual reunion of the *Descendants of Henry Clay Spencer and Amanda Jane Dunn* for several decades. His booklet helped me get started.

Julia died January 15, 1981 in Covington, Tioga County, Pennsylvania. Randall died December 14, 1997, also in Covington.

Lincoln Dinsmore Spencer (1920-2011)

Lincoln Spencer was born June 3, 1920 in Burlington. He married Marie Evelyn Williams, who was born March 16, 1926 in Ithaca, Tompkins County, New York to Arthur Williams (1893-1962) and Frances Steward (1897-1958).

Lincoln and Marie had 3 children:

1. Jane Marie Spencer (18 May 1946) married Larry M. Gerber (18 Aug 1944) on August 20, 1966. They had 3 daughters.
2. Nancy Lynn Spencer (22 Mar 1949) married William Randall "Randy" Sergeant (25 Dec 1951) August 5, 1972 in Fairport, New York. They have a son and daughter.
3. John Lyman Spencer



Lincoln later married Stella Lantz but they did not have any more children. He died October 2, 2011 at the Bradford County Manor in West Burlington and is buried at Mt. Lake Cemetery.



Figure 67: Lincoln Spencer w/daughter Nancy

Selden James Spencer (1923-2020)

Selden was born April 28, 1923 in Burlington. He married Mary Jean Mumford on May 19, 1951 at State College, Centre County, Pennsylvania.

Jean was born February 12, 1921 in Cochranton, Crawford County, Pennsylvania to James Mumford (1887-?) and Goldie _____ (1885-?).

They had:

1. James Theodore Spencer was born January 28, 1954 in Bellefonte, Centre County, Pennsylvania.
2. Paul Selden Spencer was born January 23, 1957 in Philipsburg, Centre County, Pennsylvania.

Jean died March 20, 2018 at New Paltz, Ulster County, New York.
Selden died at New Paltz on October 26, 2020.

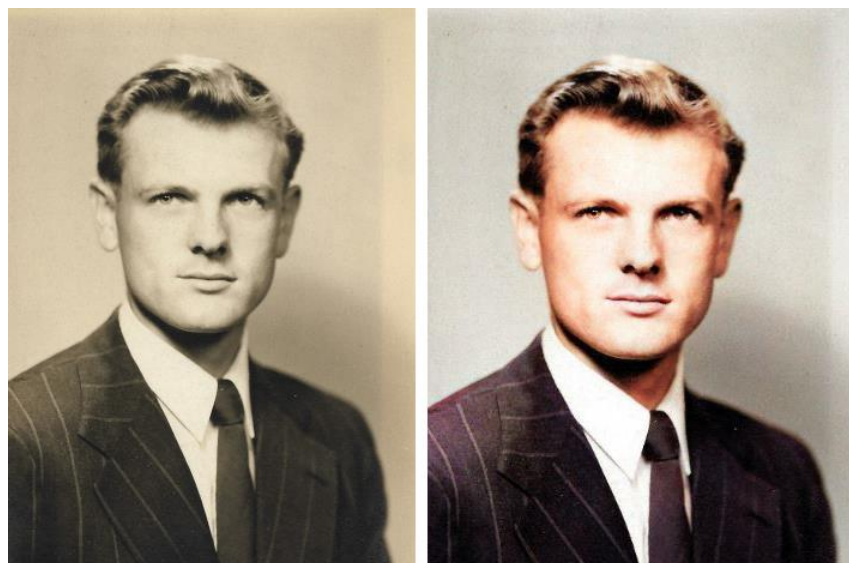


Figure 68: Selden Spencer

Patricia Jane Spencer (1925-2004)

Patricia was born November 7, 1925 in Burlington. She married Harold Ernest Selleck on September 15, 1946. Harold was born May 26, 1919 at Williamsport, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania.

Harold's parents were Ezra B. Selleck and Katharine E. Lehman.

Patricia and Harold had:

1. Wayne Harold Selleck was born August 13, 1948 and died January 15, 1971.
2. Timothy Lee Selleck was born August 22, 1950.
3. David Arthur Selleck was born June 2, 1954. He first married Judy Garner on June 1, 1985. He later married Elaine Christine Sweatt, who was born on November 19, 1963 in Boston. She died September 28, 2017.



Harold died May 26, 2003 and Patricia passed October 4, 2004 at Williamsport. They are buried in Montgomery.

Joseph Milan Spencer

Milan Spencer was born August 21, 1873. He moved to Sayre, Pennsylvania and Waverly, New York as an adult. He married and divorced Grace May Lane on September 9, 1896. They did not have any children.

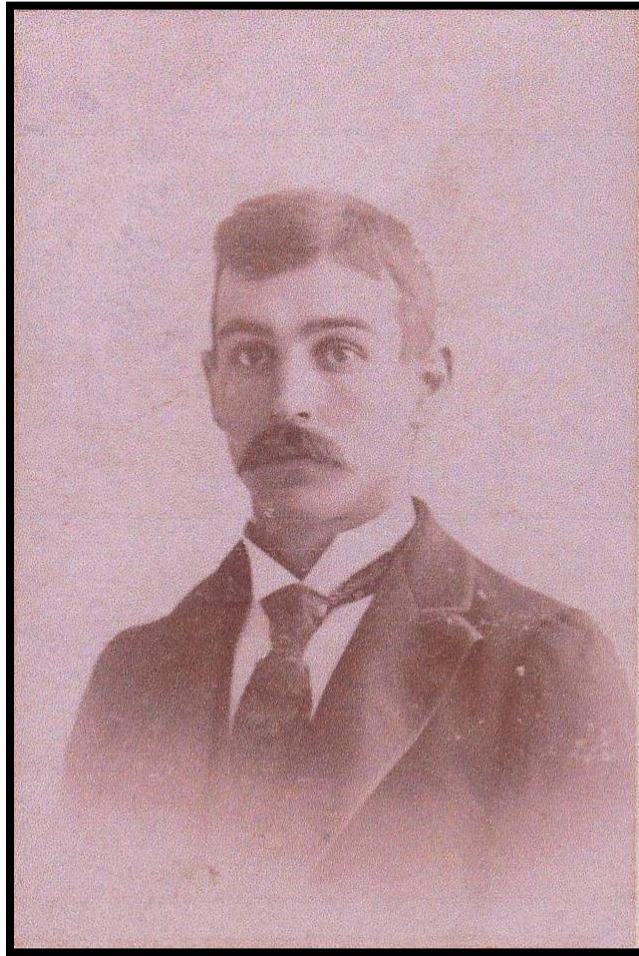


Figure 69: Milan Spencer

Milan then married Harriet Elizabeth “Hattie” Vargason on December 21, 1898. Hattie was born November 8, 1871 in Powell.

Milan and Hattie had:

1. Florence Ellen Spencer (1899-1990)
2. Harley Milan Spencer (1904-1962)
3. Carolyn Estella Spencer (1908-1986)



Figure 70: Florence & Harley Spencer

Milan registered for the draft on September 12, 1918. He was living at 105 Draper Street in Sayre and working for the Lehigh Valley Railroad (LVRR).

REGISTRATION CARD				
SERIAL NUMBER	1287		ORDER NUMBER	3079
1 <i>Milan Joseph Spencer</i>				
2 PERMANENT HOME ADDRESS: <i>105 Draper St. Sayre Pa</i>				
Age in Years	Date of Birth			
3 <i>45</i>	<i>August 31st</i>		<i>1873</i>	
RACE				
White	Negro	Caucasian	Indian	
5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	6	7	8 Citizen	9 Non-citizen
U. S. CITIZEN			ALIEN	
Native Born	Naturalized	Citizen by Father's Naturalization Before Registrant's Majority	Declarant	Non-declarant
10 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	11	12	13	14
15 If not a citizen of the U. S., of what nation are you a citizen or subject?				
PRESENT OCCUPATION		EMPLOYER'S NAME		
16 <i>Boiler-maker</i>		17 <i>Lehigh Valley RR Co</i>		
18 PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS: <i>Sayre, Pa</i>				
19 <i>Hattie E Spencer, wife</i>				
20 <i>105 Draper St Sayre Pa</i>				
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE				
P. M. G. O. <i>Milan Joseph Spencer</i>				
Form No. 1 (Red) 62-0171 (Registrant's signature or mark) OVER				

Figure 71: Milan Spencer's WW1 Draft Registration

Milan died March 7, 1952 in Barton, Tioga County, New York. Hattie died in 1962 and both are buried at the Riverview Cemetery in Oxford, Chenango County, New York.

Florence Ellen Spencer (1899-1990)

Florence was born October 9, 1899 in Burlington. She married Fred Delroy Mulligan (1897-1967) on March 9, 1918 in Chemung County, New York. Fred Mulligan was born January 10, 1897 in Muncy, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania.

Their children included:

1. Robert H. Mulligan was born June 9, 1919 and died December 3, 1992.
2. Beatrice Marie Mulligan was born March 20, 1921 in Sayre. She married Harry Wilbert Fee (1920-2004). She died December 12, 2005 and is buried in Florida.

Florence later married Fred Howell.

Fred Mulligan died February 5, 1967 in Sayre. Florence died in 1990.

Harley Milan Spencer (1904-1962)

Harley was born February 15, 1904 in Sayre. He married Jane Louise “Janie” Mallory on March 4, 1922 in Chemung, New York. Janie was born May 23, 1901.

They had:

1. Roy H. Spencer was born about 1924.
2. Jack M. Spencer was born about 1925.

Harley died in 1962 and Janie died June 16, 1977 in Buffalo, New York.

Carolyn Estella Spencer (1908-1986)

Carolyn was born January 26, 1908 in Sayre. She first married Stanley Halcomb Rodgers (abt.1906-?) on January 5, 1927. They had 1 son and later divorced.

1. Stanley Force Rogers/Stiles was born May 28, 1927. He married Ruth _____.

Carolyn married George R. Stiles (1909-?) February 8, 1930 and they had several more children:

2. Jerry Ernest Stiles was born February 21, 1931 in Sayre. He married Esther Ailine Davis on December 29, 1950 in Pueblo, Colorado. He served in the Air Force. Jerry died March 9, 2016.
3. Leo Stiles (1934-?)
4. Robert Stiles (1939-?)
5. Leah Stiles (dates unknown)

Carolyn's son Stanley sometimes used Rogers but more often than not used Stiles.

Carolyn died June 21, 1986 in Pueblo, Colorado.

Henry Homer Spencer

Homer was born September 26, 1875 in Burlington Township to Henry Clay Spencer (1844-1929) and Amanda Jane Dunn (1850-1925).

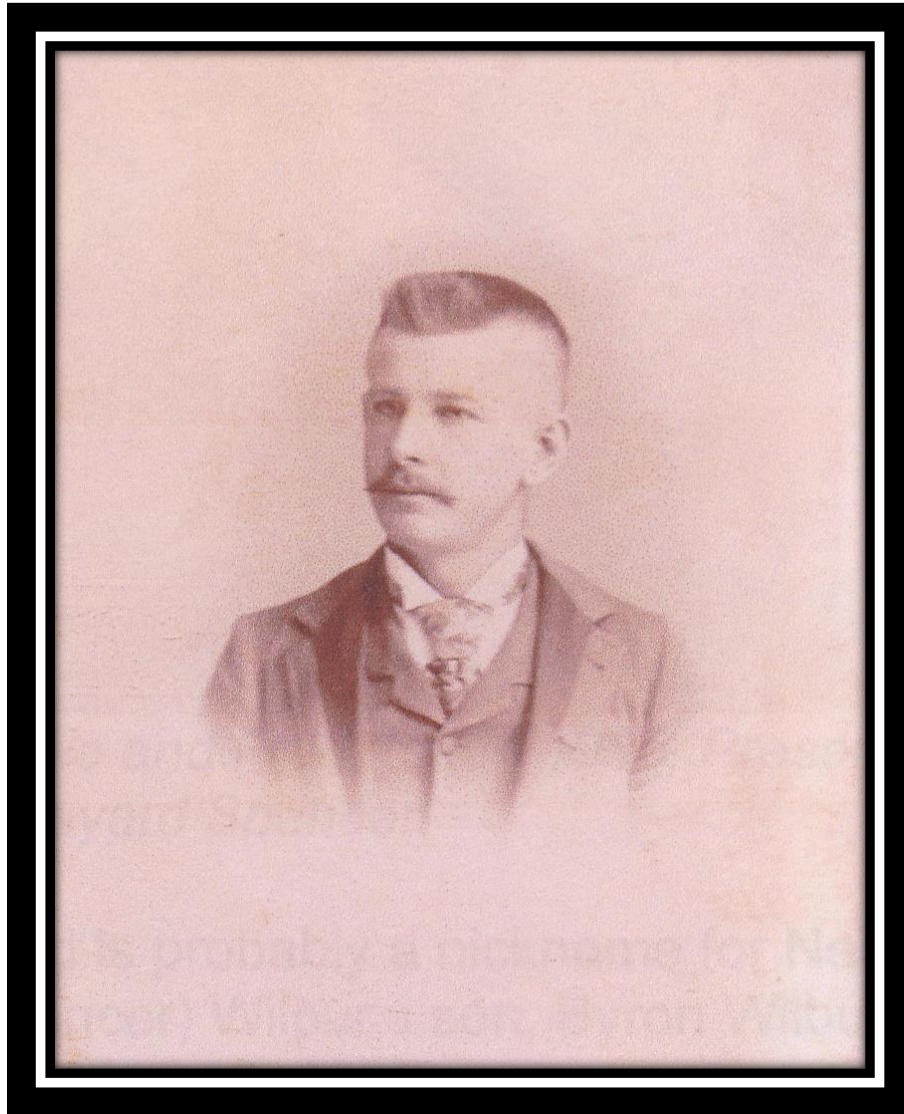


Figure 72: Henry Homer Spencer

Homer first married Minnie Augusta Mingos November 10, 1897 at the bride's home in Burlington Township. Minnie was born December 22, 1879 in Liberty Corners to David S. Mingos (1835-1907) and Martha "Polly" Benjamin (1838-1920).

Homer and Minnie had the following children and grandchildren:

1. Jay Ralph Spencer (1898-1982)
2. Ethel Mae Spencer (1899-1964)
 1. Ida May Saxton was adopted by Ethel and Milo. She was born November 10, 1939 in Endicott and died January 16, 2003.
3. Raymond Spencer (1903-1905)
4. (stillborn girl) Spencer (1906)
5. Ida Belle Spencer (1908-1926)

Homer and his cousin Fred Whitehead, son of Lydia Spencer (1834-1916) and Samuel Whitehead (1830-1911), took a trip to visit cousins in Pawling. They started their journey about December 20, 1894 by train to Philadelphia. Then they went to New York City and north to Pawling.

In April 1896, Homer and his fiancé Minnie traveled to Van Etten, New York to visit John Mingos, a relative of hers.

Homer worked farming or day labor jobs ("odd jobs") most of his life. Sometime after 1910 Homer and Minnie divorced. By 1920, he was working as a machinist in a mill in Elmira, Chemung County, New York and living with his daughter Ethel.

He briefly married Mildred Katys but they divorced also. Minnie later married Frank Doty and they lived in Hornell, New York.

Minnie died May 25, 1952 in Endicott, Broome County, New York where her daughter Ethel was living at the time. Frank Doty had died in 1944 so it's likely that Minnie was living full-time with Ethel.

Homer died July 26, 1964 in Endicott, 2 weeks after his daughter Ethel died in a car accident near Nichols, New York.

Homer, Minnie, Raymond, Ida Belle, and (probably) the stillborn daughter are buried in Monroeton Cemetery. Frank Doty is also buried there.

Jay Ralph Spencer, Sr. (1898-1982)

Jay Ralph Spencer, Sr. was born October 15, 1898 in Towanda. He married Minnie Margaret Williams on January 12, 1916.

Minnie was born October 6, 1898 in Standing Stone to Joseph Franklin "Frank" Williams (1872-1908) and Sarah Margaret "Maggie" Huff (1874-1940).



Both Jay and Minnie worked at the silk mill located on Lombard Street in Towanda (later renamed Mill Street).

They had the following children:

1. Cleone Spencer (1920-1920)
2. Cleone Mavis Spencer was born March 7, 1921 in Towanda. She married Donald John "Don" Burchill (1916-2003) on January 5, 1943 in Scranton. Cleone died February 28, 1992 and Don followed May 31, 2003. They are buried in the SS Peter & Paul Parish cemetery in Towanda.
 1. Donna Margaret Burchill (1943-2019) married Michael S. Sponheimer, Sr. (1949) and they had 1 son.
 2. Berneda Ann Burchill (1945) married Donald Dawson; no children.
 3. Dorothy Jean Burchill (1955) married Donald "Donnie" Dodge (1954) and they had 2 girls and 2 boys.
 4. Barbara Cleone Burchill (1959) married Stephen A. Shortall (1958) and had 1 son.

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3. Jay Ralph Spencer, Jr. was born July 6, 1923. He married Charlotte Ruth Gross (1923-1992) and they had 3 daughters and 1 son. Charlotte died November 12, 1992 and Jay died July 10, 2020. They are buried in the Bradford County Memorial Cemetery.
 1. Claudia Spencer (1953) married Douglas Jackson (1952) and they had 3 sons.
 2. Rebecca J. "Becky" Spencer (1956) Paul Hoeft (1954) and they had 1 daughter and 1 son.
 3. Lester Spencer (1961) married Eun-Hee and they had 1 daughter and 1 son.
 4. Linda Spencer (1962) married _____ Harvey.
4. Elwood Burdette Spencer was born April 21, 1925. He first married Alberta Irene "Bertie" Monroe (1929-1960) and they had 2 children. He later married Hazel Hemmingway (1926-2008) but they did not have any children. Elwood died March 18, 2016.
 1. Lana Jean "Jeani" Spencer (1947) married James White (1944) and they had 3 boys and 1 girl. She later married Barry Priest (1941-2019).
 2. Thomas D. Spencer (1952).
5. Berneda Shirley Spencer was born August 14, 1926. She married Donald Philip "Phil" Daly (1927-1993) on July 15, 1950. Phil died November 1, 1993 and Berneda passed June 20, 2021.
 1. Jay Philip Daly (1952) first married Elaine Shaffer (1954) and they had 1 boy and 1 girl. He later married Christy Slocum (1957) and they had 1 daughter.

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2. Teresa Martina Daly (1953) married David Kasson (1951) and they had 1 daughter. She later married Harry Place Jr (1941-2018) but they did not have any children.
 3. Margaret Elizabeth "Peggy" Daly (1956) married Harold Richard "Richard" Warfle (1950) and they had 2 daughters and 3 sons.
 4. Jane Marie Daly (1957-2001) married Tracy Lee Blackman (1956) and they had 3 daughters and 3 sons.
 5. Joseph Andrew Daly (1958). No children.
 6. Mark Spencer Daly (1960). No children.
 7. Mary Louise Daly (1963) married James Burke (1960) on August 14, 1993 in Ulster and they had 2 daughters.
 8. Christopher Patrick Daly (1966) first married Kelly M. Frisbie and they had 1 son. He later married Bonnie Dunbar on October 24, 2018 in York, Pennsylvania (no children).
6. Alberta Ruth Spencer was born April 2, 1929. She married Charles Henry Melody (1921-2007) on June 17, 1950. Alberta died September 18, 1990.
1. Allen Melody
7. Janice Idabelle "Jenny" Spencer was born February 22, 1931. She married Russell Bartlett (1931-2013). Jenny died September 17, 2011 in Colorado. No children.

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8. Judith Ann “Judy” Spencer was born September 28, 1940. She first married and later divorced Neil Brown (1939). Judy also married and divorced Russell Wittig (1948). She married Merle Jay Smith (1924-2005). Judy is currently married to Ken Parmenter.

1. Susan Marie Brown was born August 17, 1959.
2. Debra Brown was born February 5, 1961.
3. Timothy Brown was born December 12, 1962.
4. Nancy W. Smith was born August 16, 1969. She married Larry Hall on May 25, 1996 and had 2 children, a boy and a girl.

Minnie died of complications from diabetes on February 10, 1963 at Towanda Memorial Hospital. Jay died July 10, 1982 in Burlington.

Jay's sister Ethel took this photograph on Watts Street in Towanda. From left to right: Cleone, Jay Jr, Jay Sr, Elwood, Berneda, Minnie, Alberta, and Janice.



Figure 73: Jay Spencer Family



Figure 74: Jay & Minnie Spencer



Figure 75: Cleone Mavis Spencer (abt. 1921)



Figure 76: Cleone Spencer Burchill & Donna



Figure 77: Berneda Spencer



Figure 78: Elwood, Cleone, Jay & Berneda (sitting)



Figure 79: Janice Spencer

This photo was taken before Minnie Williams married Jay Spencer.
Not exactly sure of the date but probably 1915 or 1916.



Figure 80: Minnie Margaret Williams (1896-1963)

Photos

This photo is a composite created from two separate photos, probably in the 1920s or 1930s given their clothes. Homer and Minnie were clearly divorced by this time. The direction they are each looking is a clue that this is a composite made from two different photos. This was a popular process in the early 20th century.



Figure 81: Homer Spencer and Minnie Mingos

Ethel probably had this made though it hung above the mantel in Jay's house at 30 Watts Street in Towanda for many years (probably after Ethel's death in 1964).

Berneda (Spencer) Daly said Ethel always had a camera ready to take pictures.



Figure 82: Ethel Spencer & husband Milo Saxton

Bayard Emanuel Spencer

Bayard was born August 22, 1878 in Burlington Township. He married Anna Lucy Strong on February 9, 1899 at Asylum, Bradford County, Pennsylvania. He marries her again later. Anna was the daughter of Franklin Strong and Lucy Braund.

1. Lucy Mildred Spencer was born March 4, 1900 in Asylum. She married John Williams Welling (1895-1965). Lucy died in 1982.
 1. Adelaide E. "Addie" Welling was born August 23, 1924 in Towanda. She married Silas L. Parks (1921-2018) and they had 4 children; 2 boys and 2 girls. Addie died May 24, 2003.

They divorced on November 12, 1903 in Towanda and Bayard married Luella I. Arnold on January 11, 1905 in Waverly, Tioga County, New York. They divorced sometime before 1907 when...

Bayard married Anna Lucy Strong again about 1907. They then had the following additional children:

2. William Henry Spencer, Sr. was born April 27, 1908. He married Nellie Pauline Duel (1914-1992) of Rummerfield in 1932.
 1. William Henry Spencer, Jr. was born November 26, 1933 and died December 11, 2001.
 2. John T. "Jack" Spencer was born January 17, 1936 and died June 16, 2010.
 3. Lois B. Spencer was born about 1939.

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3. Horace Emmett Spencer was born February 19, 1909 and married Mable D. Wood (1908-2007). Horace died September 1, 1962 in Waverly.
 1. Henry David Spencer (1928-2016)
 2. Edward C. Spencer (1930-2007)
 3. Irene E. Spencer (1932-?)
 4. Marion L. Spencer (1934-?)
 5. Richard D. Spencer (1936-?)
 6. Joyce A. Spencer (1937-?)
 7. Myrtle M. Spencer (1938-1984)
 8. Bernard E. Spencer (1943-?)
 9. Michael E. Spencer (1949-?)
4. James Arthur Spencer was born October 15, 1910. He married Jessie Louise Hoyt (1910-2002).
 1. Guy Elbert Spencer (1946-1998)
5. Charles Spencer was born January 23, 1913. He married Dorothy Ruth ____ (1919-2009). Charles died December 12, 1985.
6. Franklin Malcom Spencer, Sr. was born September 10, 1914. He married Sarah E. Beers. He died November 5, 1988 in Wyalusing.
 1. Franklin Malcolm Spencer, Jr. (1945-1951).
 2. David Aaron Spencer.

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7. Beatrice Anna Spencer was born July 19, 1920 in Asylum. She married Howard Elmer Slocum (1913-1990). Beatrice died April 29, 2001. She later married _____ Lilidal.

1. David Earnest Slocum (1954).
2. Edward James Slocum (1956).

Anna died March 8, 1948 in Towanda. Bayard died May 21, 1959 in New Albany Township, Bradford County, Pennsylvania. They are both buried at Oak Hill Cemetery in Towanda.

Lucy Mildred Spencer (1900-1982)

Mildred was born Mary 4, 1900 in Asylum. She married John William Welling, who was born January 19, 1895, on August 21, 1921. They had 1 daughter:

1. Addie E. Welling was born August 23, 1924. She married Silas L. "Cy" Parks (1921-2018) on September 23, 1942 in Towanda. They had 2 boys and 2 girls.

Addie died May 24, 2003 and Cy followed December 15, 2018.



Figure 83: Mildred Spencer (1900)

William Henry Spencer, Sr. (1908-1984)

William was born April 27, 1908 in Burlington. He married Nellie Pauline Duel who was born on October 13, 1914.

1. William Henry Spencer, Jr. was born November 26, 1933 and died December 11, 2001.
2. John T. Spencer was born about 1936 and died June 16, 2010 in Athens.
3. Lois B. Spencer was born about 1939.

William died in 1984 and Nellie followed November 5, 1992.

Horace Emmett Spencer (1909-1962)

Horace was born February 19, 1909 in Burlington. He married Mabel D. Wood, who was born on May 14, 1908, on June 11, 1928.

They had:

1. Henry David Spencer (1928-2016)
2. Edward C. Spencer (1930-2007)
3. Irene E. Spencer (1932-?)
4. Marion L. Spencer (1934-?)
5. Richard D. Spencer (1936-?)
6. Joyce A. Spencer (1937-?)
7. Myrtle M. Spencer (1938-1984)
8. Bernard E. Spencer (1943-?)
9. Michael E. Spencer (1949-?)

Horace died September 1, 1992 in Waverly while Mabel died June 17, 2007.

James Arthur Spencer (1910-1997)

James was born October 15, 1910. He married Jessie Louise Hoyt who was born September 12, 1910 in New Albany. They had:

1. Guy Elbert Spencer was born May 14, 1946 in Towanda. He died July 5, 1998 in New Albany.

He later married Louise Spencer but they didn't have any children.

James died November 7, 1997 in Laporte, Sullivan County, Pennsylvania. Jessie died January 26, 2002 in Laporte, Sullivan County, Pennsylvania.

Charles Edward Spencer (1913-1985)

Charles was born January 23, 1913. He married Dorothy Ruth _____ (1919-2009). They were living in Quakertown, Bucks County, Pennsylvania in 1940 when he registered for the first peacetime draft in U.S. history. He was working at Five Points Meat Market in Bethlehem at the time.

Charles died December 12, 1985 in Okeechobee, Florida.

Franklin Malcom Spencer, Sr. (1914-1988)

Franklin was born September 10, 1914. He married Sarah E. Beers on February 5, 1944. They had 2 sons.

1. Franklin Malcomb Spencer, Jr. was born December 26, 1945 in Sayre. He died October 22, 1951 in Philadelphia.
2. David Aaron Spencer (?-?).

Frank Sr. died November 5, 1988 in Wyalusing and is buried at Towanda.

Beatrice Anna Spencer (1920-2001)

Bea was born July 19, 1920 in Asylum. She married Howard Elmer Slocum, who was born on December 3, 1913 in Overton. They had:

1. Kathleen Slocum married Ronald Lejedal
2. David Ernest Slocum (1954) married Irene _____
3. Edward James Slocum (1956) married Barbara _____

Howard served with Company A, 32nd Medical Battalion from May 6, 1941 to March 2, 1945. He was inducted at New Albany and discharged from Fort Dix, New Jersey.

Howard died February 26, 1990 and Beatrice died April 29, 2001. They are buried at Oak Hill Cemetery in Towanda.

Nellie Spencer

Nellie Spencer was born August 10, 1880 in Burlington Township. Nellie developed a deafness as an infant, which might have been the result of contracting scarlet fever from her sister Augusta's blankets. A family story says her mother kept Augusta's things in case she had another girl.



Figure 84: Nellie Spencer

Henry sent Nellie to a special school in Philadelphia that was supposed to teach the deaf. When he visited, he found they were using her as a servant to make meals and do the laundry. He brought her home.

She crocheted beautiful decorative items until she was over 95. Nellie was well-read and educated.

Nellie married Howard Wilbur and had 2 sons:

1. Byron Ward Wilbur (1905-2001) married Eleanor Ruth Kerrick (1908-1972) on August 28, 1927
2. Leonard Pratt Wilbur (1906-1970) married Esther Williams (1903-?) on September 18 ,1932

Nellie then divorced Howard and later married Wilson Watts but divorced him too. She then switched back to being Nellie Spencer after that.

Nellie lived at 101 Thomas Street in Towanda for many years. Her parents were living with her when they each died.

Nellie died December 31, 1978 while living at the Bradford County Manor in West Burlington Township.

Photos



Figure 85: Nellie Spencer (youth)



Figure 86: Nellie Spencer (young)



Figure 87: Nellie Spencer Haying



Figure 88: Nellie Spencer with Horses



Figure 89: Nellie Spencer with Hat!



Figure 90: Byron and Nellie Spencer



Figure 91: Nellie (cabinet card)

The perspective on this photo makes Nellie look huge next to her mother, but it's just the angle.



Figure 92: Nellie Spencer w/her mother Amanda



Figure 93: Nellie Wilbur with sons Byron & Leonard

No, I don't know the name of the dog. I kinda wish I did, though, because it looks very happy.



Figure 94: Nellie with her dog

Byron Ward “Bob” Wilbur (1905-2001)

Byron was born May 10, 1905. He married Eleanor Ruth Kerrick on August 28, 1927 in Owego. Eleanor was born in August 6, 1908 in Asylum to James Garfield Kerrick and Emma LaPorte.

Their children included:

1. Marjory D. Wilbur was born about 1926 in New York. She married _____ Tomkins.
2. Robert Down Wilbur was born June 13, 1929 and died 3 days later.
3. Janice Ellen Wilbur was born June 5, 1930. She married Michael E. Solowiej. She died August 6, 2017 in Delaware.
4. Virginia Wilbur was born about 1932. She married Dan Mathis.
5. Richard Laporte Wilbur was born about 1933. He married Jacqueline Wells in Winchester, Virginia on September 30, 1950.

On October 16, 1940, Byron registered for the first peacetime draft in U.S. history. He was described at 5 foot 9 inches tall and 155 pounds with blue eyes, brown hair, and a “ruddy” complexion. They were living at 213 – 14th Street SE in Washington, DC. He was working for the Ford Motor Company.

Eleanor died in October 1972.

Byron died November 28, 2001 in Wyalusing.



Figure 95: Byron Wilbur

Leonard Pratt Wilbur (1906-1970)

Leonard was born August 9, 1906. He married Esther E. Williams (abt.1903-?) on September 18, 1932.

1. Ruth Wilbur (abt.1934-?)
2. Eleanor Wilbur (abt.1936-?)
3. Leonard Pratt Wilbur, Jr. (abt.1939-?)

Leonard registered for the draft October 16, 1940. He was described as being 5 foot 10 inches and 173 pounds with blue eyes, brown hair, and a “ruddy” complexion. He was living at 23 South Thomas Street in Kingstone, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania. He worked for Sardoni Construction Company.

Leonard died April 23, 1970 in Uniontown.

Elsie Esther “Bessie” Spencer

Bessie Spencer was born April 18, 1883 in Burlington Township to Henry Clay Spencer (1844-1929) and Amanda Jane Dunn (1850-1925).



Figure 96: Bessie Spencer

Bessie married Willie Millard “Buff” Young on June 11, 1909 in Waverly, Tioga County, New York. Willie was born February 18, 1879 in Monroe Township (or Monroeton boro). He was the son of Edward Barton Young (1836-1901) and Sarah A. Reifsnyder (1851-1931).



Figure 97: Bessie & Willie on their wedding day

Bessie and Willie had the following children:

1. Nellie Maxine "Maxine" Young (1903-1984)
2. Kenneth Earl Young (1904-1976)
3. (baby boy) Young (about 1905 or 1906)
4. Duane Larue Young (1907-1992)
5. William Adrian "Adrian" Young (1909-1975)
6. Inez Julia Evelyn "Inie" Young (1911-2010)
7. Malcolm Audley Young (1913-1999)
8. Dorothea Elise "Elise" Young (1917-1995)
9. Dolores Jolene "Jolene" Young (1924-1996)

Bessie played the piano and was the pianist for the United Methodist Church in Monroeton for a time.

Bessie died February 28, 1942 and Willie died April 13, 1956. They are both buried in the Monroeton Cemetery.

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Bessie (Spencer) Young, daughter Nellie Maxine Young, son Kenneth Earl Young.

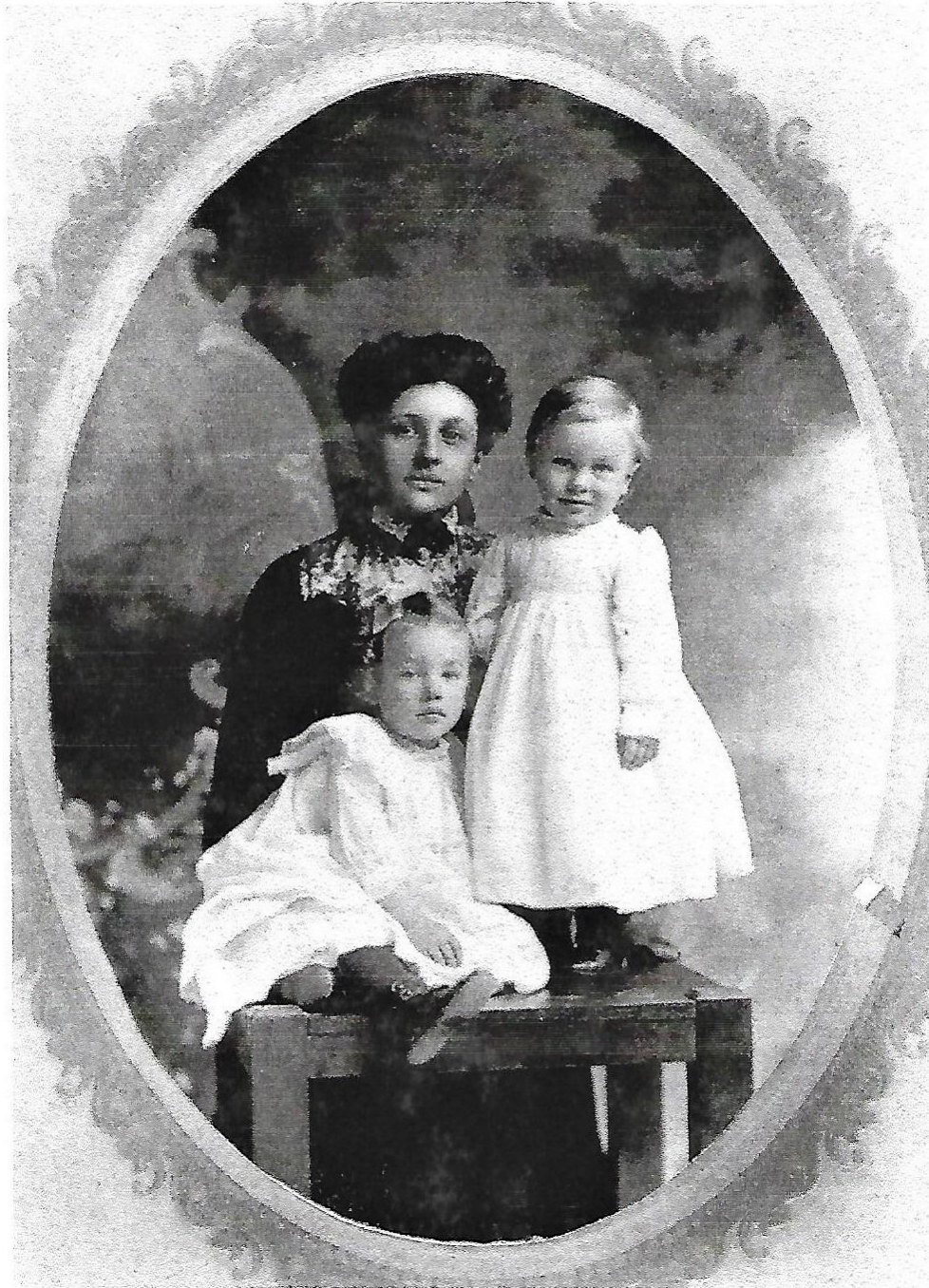


Figure 98: Bessie Spencer w/children Maxine and Kenneth

Nellie (Spencer) Wilbur (age 22) with her sister Bessie (Spencer) Young (age 20) holding Nellie Maxine Young (age 5 months 24 days).
July 16, 1903.



Figure 99: Nellie Spencer, Maxine & mother Bessie Young

Maxine, Kenneth, and Duane standing with Adrian on Maxine's lap.



Figure 100: Maxine, Kenneth, Duane & Adrian about 1909

Willie “Buff” Young, 5 May 1904 at age 25.



Figure 101: Willie Millard Young, (age 25)

Willie “Buff” Young stands in front of his Ford motorcar wearing a duster and long gloves (with a cigar in one hand). All roads were dirt so he needed the duster to protect his clothes from the dust.

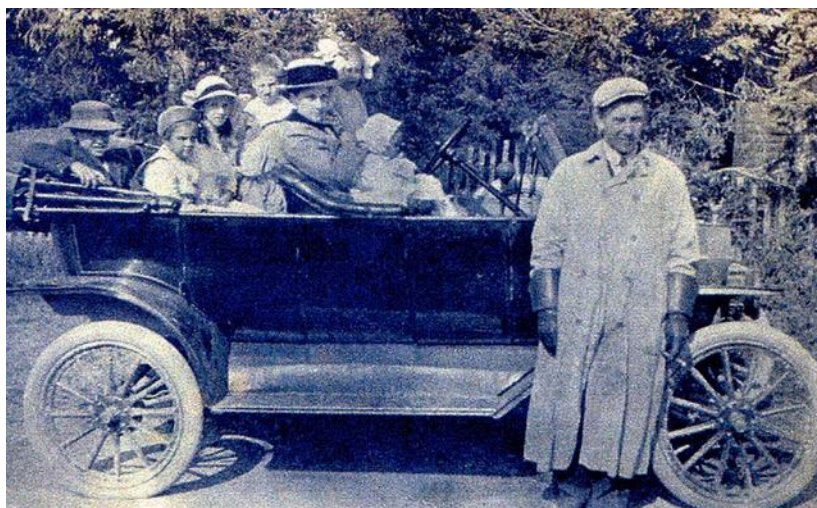


Figure 102: Out for a drive with Buff & Bessie Young

Bessie is in the front seat with baby Malcolm. Standing to the left of Bessie is “Inie” with the white bows. Duane is standing just behind Bessie and Maxine is sitting beside Duane with the lovely hat. Adrian is sitting beside Maxine, wearing the cap. And, finally, Kenneth is in the back (far left) with his own hat.

Elise and Jolene were not born yet. The photo was taken about 1913 given Malcolm’s age.

Thanks to Joan Schulze for this contribution.

This is what the Model T Touring Car looked like to give you a better idea of the vehicle they owned.



1913 Ford Model T Touring Car

source: <http://www.mtfca.com/discus/messages/29/36573.html>

Figure 103: 1913 Ford Model T Touring Car



Figure 104: Willie and Bessie (Spencer) Young

Willie Millard Young (standing), Bessie Spencer Young (in wheelchair). Adeline Young's arm to the right of the wheelchair, Kenneth Young with white shirt; Pat, Olive in white skirt, Gwen to left of Willie at family reunion. August 21, 1938



Figure 105: 1938 Young Family Reunion

This photo was taken in April 1956 at the funeral of their father, Willie Millard “Buff” Young.



Figure 106: 1956 Young Family

Back Row (L-R): Kenneth Earl Young; Duane Larue Young; William Adrian Young; and Malcolm Audley Young.

Front Row (L-R): Nellie Maxine (Young) Watson; “Inie”/Inez Julia Evelyn (Young) Hutcheson; Dorthia ELISE (Young) Shiner; and Delores Jolene (Young/Vischansky) King.

The children of Kenneth Earl Young and Adeline Packard. Left to right: Jerome Kenneth Young; Olive June (Young) Williams; Gwendolyn Esther (Young) Brecher; Kenneth Earl Young; Adeline M. (Packard) Young; William Packard Young; Patricia Adeline (Young) Goodwin.



Figure 107: Kenneth & Adeline Young's Children

Nellie Maxine Young (1903-1984)

Maxine was born January 22, 1903 in Monroeton. She married Frances Edward Watson before 1925. Francis was born October 17, 1901 in Wysox.

Her college friends called her "Seny".

Their descendants include:

1. John William "Bill" Watson, Sr. was born May 16, 1925. He married Alice Elizabeth Dimon on September 22, 1945. Alice was born October 31, 1925 in Allis Hollow. Alice died February 16, 2018 and John followed July 18, 2020.
 1. John William Watson, Jr. was born November 7, 1946 in Coldwater, Branch County, Michigan. He married Susan Ellen Phillips, on May 13, 1995. She was born June 15, 1956 in Ogdensburg, New York. John died June 29, 2020 at his son's home after a year-long battle with cancer. They have a son and a daughter.
 2. Gary Francis Watson was born August 7, 1950 at Tioga General Hospital in Waverly. He married Miriam "Mimi" Diaz on January 7, 1973. Mimi was born October 30, 1951 in Cuba. They have 2 daughters.
 3. Connie Marie Watson was born October 26, 1952 at Robert Packer Hospital in Sayre. She has 2 sons.
 4. Bonnie Leigh Watson was born February 16, 1954 at Robert Packer Hospital in Sayre. She married William Robert Fraley on December 3, 1977. He was born May 9, 1954. They have 2 daughters.
 5. Dawn Elizabeth Watson was born March 10, 1957 in Sayre at the Robert Packer Hospital. She married Larry Douglas Jordon on May 1, 1976. Larry was born October 29, 1957. They have 1 son.



Francis Watson died November 1972 and Maxine died March 21, 1984. They are buried in Wysox.

This high school graduation photo was probably taken about 1921.



Figure 108: Maxine Young High School Graduation

Francis Edward Watson with his wife Nellie Maxine Young.



Figure 109: Francis & Maxine Watson

Kenneth Earl Young (1904-1976)

Kenneth was born March 11, 1904 in Monroeton. He married Adeline M. Packard on May 22, 1922. Adeline was born July 15, 1902.

Their descendants include:

1. Jerome Kenneth "Jake" Young was born April 7, 1923 at home in Towanda. He married Doris Elaine Hanger and they had 3 children. He died December 22, 2010 in Naples, Florida. Doris was born December 15, 1926 in Elkins, West Virginia.
 1. Terry Ann Young was born April 14, 1949 in Abington, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.
 2. Jerome Kenneth "Jake" Young, Jr. was born July 21, 1951 at the Robert Packer Hospital in Sayre. He was also called Jerry.
 3. Julie Elizabeth Young was born January 7, 1958 at Blossburg, Tioga County, Pennsylvania.
2. Olive June Young was born June 28, 1924 in Towanda. She married Kenneth Hall Williams (1923-1987) on January 24, 1943 in Towanda. Olive died June 6, 2015 in Sayre.

The name Olive was to honor her maternal grandmother, Olive Eliza McDougal Packard as well as Adeline's sister Olive Muriel Packard who died young. June came from the month she was born.

Ken was born October 23, 1923 in Tunkhannock, Wyoming County, Pennsylvania. He died March 26, 1987.



Olive and Ken had:

1. Joan Marie Williams was born on March 31, 1946 at Mills Hospital in Towanda. Joan married Walter Arthur Schulze March 21, 1971 at the Ulster Methodist Church.
2. Kenneth Harry Williams was born May 22, 1949 in Towanda at Mills Hospital.
3. Diann June Williams was born April 26, 1951. She died January 2, 1952 of bronchial pneumonia
4. Carol Ann Williams was born December 29, 1956 in Towanda. She married Lee Stanford Richie, Jr. on November 15, 1975 at Ulster Methodist Church.
3. Gwendolyn Esther "Gwen" Young was born September 28, 1925. She married Joseph Francis Brecher on August 16, 1948. She died January 9, 2008.

Joseph was born March 18, 1926 at home in Powell. He died February 10, 1989 in Towanda.

1. Lawrence Joseph "Larry" Brecher was born June 28, 1949 in Towanda. He died June 5, 1962 in Charlottesville, Virginia from complications due to heart surgery.
2. Debra Lynn "Debbie" Brecher was born July 14, 1952 at Mills Hospital in Towanda.
3. Joseph Alois "Joe" Brecher was born May 16, 1964 at Towanda Memorial Hospital in Towanda.
4. William Packard "Bill" Young was born January 15, 1929. He married Marilyn Daron. He died January 12, 2007. She was born December 24, 1929 and died September 26, 2020.
 1. Daron Kenneth Young was born December 28, 1959 in Washington, DC.

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5. Patricia Adeline “Pat” Young was born March 30, 1935. She married John Richard Goodwin, Sr. on February 20, 1955 in Towanda. John was born April 27, 1934 in Towanda. He died January 5, 2019 in Florida.
1. John Richard Goodwin, Jr. was born March 19, 1956 at Sampson Air force Base/
 2. Christopher Patrick “Chris” Goodwin on March 7, 1960 in Elmira, Chemung County, New York.
 3. William Jerome “Bill” Goodwin was born July 23, 1963 in Elmira.
 4. James Forest “Jay” Goodwin was born August 31, 1969 in Elmira.

Kenneth died May 30, 1976 in Burlington and Adeline died May 24, 1995. They are buried at Oak Hill Cemetery in Towanda.



Figure 110: Patricia Young and John Goodwin

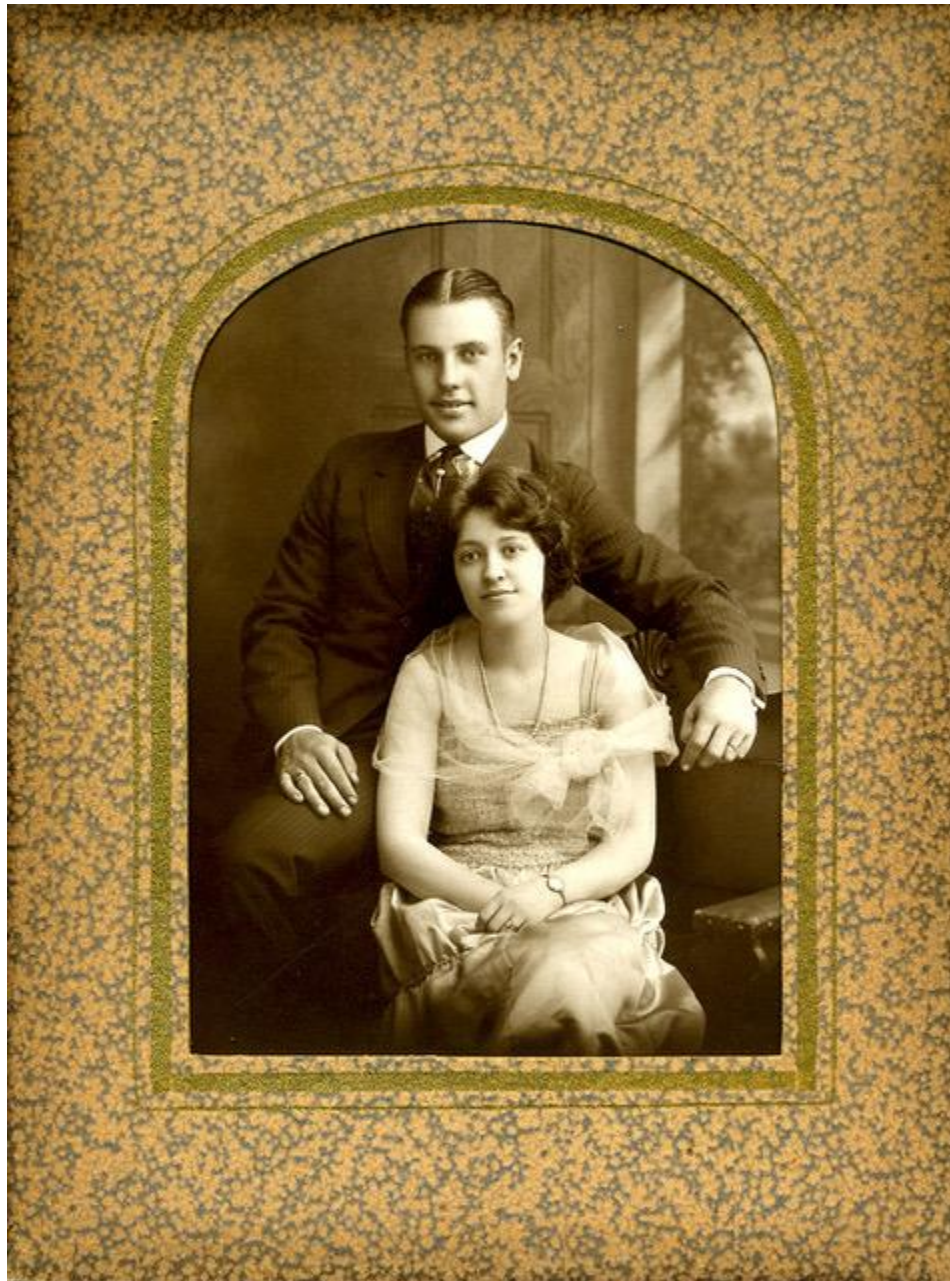


Figure 111: Kenneth & Adeline Young Wedding Photo



Figure 112: Kenneth & Adeline on Honeymoon



Figure 113: Kenneth & Adeline Wedding Anniversary



Figure 114: 50th Wedding Anniversary



Figure 115: Jerome Kenneth Young in B-24



Figure 116: Gwen Young

Duane Larue Young (1907-1992)

Duane was born October 10, 1907 in Monroeton.

He first married Rebecca Louise Smith, who was born August 8, 1908 on Cash Creek Road in Ulster. They divorced about 1959.

Rebecca later married and divorced again. She was blind and lived in the Senior Citizens building in Towanda and, later, with her son John Young. She also lived with her daughter Mary Jane Young until her death.



Their children were:

1. John Otto Young was born November 4, 1945 in Union, New York. He married Irene Marie Fenton. She was born December 5, 1947.
2. Mary Jane Young was born April 23, 1946 in Union, New York. She remained unmarried but fostered 32 children with severe handicaps and adopted 12 of them.

Rebecca died June 13, 1995 from bowel cancer. She is buried in Ulster Cemetery.

Duane later married widow Jesse "Elma" (Pendleton) Ross in Havre de Grace, Maryland on June 20, 1960. Elma was born February 1, 1913 in Warren Center, Pennsylvania.

Elma's first husband was Ed Ross. He worked as a game warden and died in 1944 from a hunting accident. He was shot on Barclay Mountain during hunting season. Even though a search was conducted immediately, his body wasn't found until the next spring.

Duane was step-father to (birth dates and order unknown):

- Mary Ross married Roe Russell.
- Shirley Ross married Lewis Rockwell.
- Robert Ross married Nancy ____.
- Dr. Gary Ross married Louise ____.

Duane died June 27, 1992 at the Towanda Memorial Hospital. He is buried in Darling Cemetery on Orwell Hill, Orwell Township.

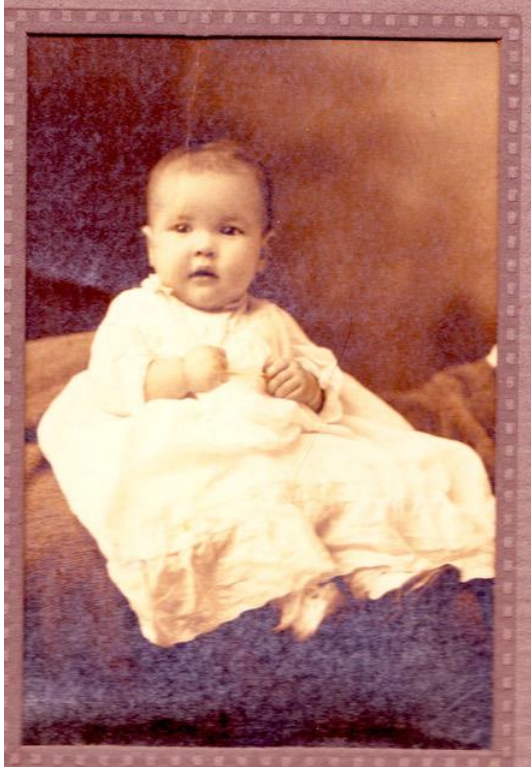


Figure 117: Duane Larue Young

William Adrian Young (1909-1975)

Adrian was born December 15, 1909 in Monroeton. He married Ruth Mae Minier on May 12, 1922 in Owego, Tioga County, New York. Ruth was born January 21, 1910 in Lycoming County.

Ruth was a registered nurse (RN) and she took care of Bessie in later years.



They had:

1. Sarah Ann "Sally" Young was born August 23, 1935 and died December 3, 2000. Sally first married William D. Johnson and they had two daughters. Sally later married Marvin Floyd Deskins.
 1. Gail Lynn Johnson was born February 7, 1955. She married Carl E. Lempin.
 2. Karen Mae Johnson was born June 12, 1960. She married Gerald "Jerry" Kinner.
2. Eugene Baker "Robin" Young was born November 19, 1939. He first married Ellen Doris Ruhl who he met while in the army. Ellen died of cancer March 16, 1991. He later married again.
 1. Dagmar Ruth Young was born March 16, 1962 and died February 13, 1963.
 2. Detlef Gene Young was born May 9, 1963.
 3. Sindy Patricia Young was born February 16, 1965.
 4. Betina Annette Young was born May 30, 1966.

Adrian was listed as "Willie" on the 1920 census.

Ruth died in April 1971 and Adrian died June 12, 1975 in Burlington of a stroke. They are buried in Monroeton.



Figure 118: Adrian and Ruth (Minier) Young

Inez Julia Evelyn Young (1911-2010)

Inie was born July 2, 1911 at home on Main Street in Monroeton. She was a music teacher for 16 years in Pennsylvania and another 16 in Maryland. Inie was also a traveling music teacher in small schools. She was the Music Supervisor in Bradford County for 6 years and 10 years in Tioga County.

She married Walton Alexander “Hutch” Hutcheson on April 5, 1942 near Baltimore, Maryland. Hutch was born in Blossburg, Pennsylvania on January 5, 1908. His parents were Jessie and _____ Biddle but an aunt adopted him.



They had:

1. Elaine Inez Hutcheson was born on May 6, 1943. She died February 1, 2001.

Hutch died December 15, 1985 and is buried at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio, Texas. Inie died March 29, 2010 in San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas.



Figure 119: “Inie” Young



Figure 120: Inie at the Piano

Malcolm Audley Young (1913-1999)

Brig was born May 16, 1913 in Monroeton. He married Ruth Mingos on April 5, 1947 in Towanda. Ruth was born February 26, 1924 in Liberty Corners to Joseph Huron Mingos (1888-1926) and Margaret E. Duggan (1887-1961).

He registered for the draft October 16, 1940. He was described as 5 foot 10 inches and 165 pounds. He had brown hair, brown eyes, and a “dark” complexion. He also had a scar in the corner of his right eye. He was working in the family grocery, “W. M. Young Grocery”, in Monroeton.



Brig served in the United States Army from January 11, 1943 to December 7, 1945. He served as a dental assistant in Nome, Alaska and planned to study dentistry when he got home. Unfortunately, he needed to help care for his mother so he worked in the family store rather than going to dental school. He was even accepted to study dentistry at Penn State. He also worked for the United States Postal Service (USPS).

Brig and Ruth had three children:

1. Edward Barton "Bart" Young was born August 21, 1949 in Sayre. He married Laurel Glass and they had 2 children. He died July 4, 2021 in Towanda.
 1. Jeffrey Barton Young was born March 12, 1981 and died July 3, 2017.
 2. Kevin Alan Young married Diana Sierra.
2. Susan Marie Young was born Mary 31, 1954 in Sayre. She married Peter Van Hoffmire and later August 9, 2003 Walter Leonard "Len" Sharp.
 1. Brian Hoffmire born July 28, 1979 married Claire Westlake on June 30, 2007. They have 3 children.
 2. Jennifer Hoffmire was born July 7, 1982. She married Andrew Simon on October 10, 2020.
3. Ann Louise Young was born April 22, 1953 in Sayre. She married Gregory Koss, October 9, 1976. He passed on April 2, 2019.

Malcolm died March 12, 1999 in Towanda and Ruth followed October 25, 2016. They are buried in Monroeton.

Dorothia Elise Young (1917-1995)

Elise was born April 18, 1917 in Monroeton. She married Irwin J. Shiner. Irwin was born June 7, 1911 in Powell.

They had:

1. James Edward Shiner was born July 23, 1943 in Monroeton. He died December 1, 1962 in Maryland.
2. Daryl Jean Shiner
3. John M. Shiner

Irwin died July 3, 1993 in Edgewood, Hartford County, Maryland. Elise died October 28, 1995 in Monkton, Baltimore County, Maryland. Both are buried in Monroeton.

Dolores Jolene Young (1924-1996)

Jolene was born March 13, 1924 at Robert Packer Hospital in Sayre. She was the first of her family not born at home. She first married Peter Vischansky and they had 1 daughter:

1. Jolene Maria Young was born November 3, 1946 at Mills Hospital in Towanda. She married Charles Paul Lichtenwalner from Macungie, Pennsylvania on January 24, 1971.



1. Charles Sage Lichtenwalner was born June 28, 1978.
2. Chantal Selene Lichtenwalner was born July 5, 1981.

Jolene divorced Peter and then married Wilbur George King on June 2, 1956. Wilbur was born October 31, 1921.

They had:

2. Jeffrey Young King was born April 18, 1957 at Mills Hospital in Towanda. He married Karen Sackett on July 13, 1979 at the United Methodist Church in Monroeton.
 1. Travis Young King was born April 28, 1977.
 2. Jeffrey Young King Jr. was born February 14, 1979.
3. Errol George King was born August 20, 1958 at Mills Hospital in Towanda and died October 12, 2011. Some people called him "Earl".

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4. Sheryl Michele King was born July 17, 1959 at Towanda Memorial Hospital in Towanda. She married Glenn Milton Zook of Sioux City, Iowa on May 13, 1978 at the United Methodist Church in Towanda.
 1. Michele Margo Zook was born November 4, 1978. She married Robert Horton.
 2. Glenn Milton Zook Jr. was born December 13, 1979.
 3. Kent Matthew Zook was born May 19, 1983.
 4. Craig Marcus Zook was born February 21, 1987.
5. Curtis Wayne King was born April 7, 1961 at Towanda Memorial Hospital.
6. Gordon Wilbur King was born June 30, 1962.
 1. Kristina Maria King was born January 29, 1987.
7. Gwendolyn Ester King was born August 11, 1963. She married Melvin Martinez.
8. Nadine Jeanne King was born March 4, 1965. She married and later divorced John Zekler. She also married and divorced Paul Fowler.
 1. Rachelle Lynn Zekler was born September 19, 1988. She married Chris Semper.
 2. Nathan Leo Shaffer Jr. was born January 5, 1993. He may also be known as Nathan Leo King Shaffer.

Jolene died April 9, 1996 at Gordon's home on Bridge Street in Towanda. Wilbur followed on February 1, 2001. They are buried in Monroeton.



Figure 121: Jolene Young

Thomas Delano Spencer

Thomas was born July 3, 1885. He married Myrtle M. Borden on July 27, 1907 in Waverly, Tioga County, New York. He later married Francis F. Pepper (1872-?) in 1915 and Elizabeth Simmons (1900-?).



Figure 122: Thomas D. Spencer

Thomas and Myrtle had the following children:

1. Grace Dorothy Spencer was born November 11, 1908. She married LaVern Root (?-1982) on May 30, 1931; 1 son & 1 daughter.

Thomas died February 17, 1947 in Rome, Bradford County, Pennsylvania where he is buried.

Edward Augustus Spencer

Edward was born March 4, 1888. He married Cora Blanche Jennings, daughter of Charles Jennings and Lucy Mace Davidson on August 3, 1912.



Figure 123: Edward Spencer (1888-1983)

Edward and Blanche made their home on 4th Street in Towanda.

They had the following children:

1. Carlyle Romaine Spencer (1915-2001)
2. Donald Jennings Spencer (1918-2003)

Cora died October 12, 1965 in Towanda. Edward died November 1, 1983 in Towanda. They are both buried at Mt. Lake Cemetery.

Donald Jennings Spencer (1918-2003)

Don was born September 15, 1918 in Towanda. He married Aurelia W. Dunning on November 5, 1938 in Allentown, Leigh County, Pennsylvania. Aurelia was born August 19, 1918 in Waverly.

They had 4 children:

1. Carole Anne Spencer was born December 30, 1939 in the Town of Barton (Waverly). She died March 7, 2012.
2. Dale Jennings Spencer was born July 1, 1941 in Sayre. He died June 6, 2005 in Sweet Valley, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania.
3. Alan L. spencer was born January 1, 1944.
4. Sharon Spencer was born June 22, 1950.

Don served in the United States Army between September 1, 1944 and November 2, 1945.

Don and Aurelia divorced and she married Lawrence Carl Root (1928-2006) in Buffalo, New York. They had 2 more children: Kevin Root (1960) and David Root. Aurelia died July 28, 1970 in Buffalo.

Don died April 24, 2003 in Burlington where he is buried. He lived in his parents' house at 522 Fourth Street in Towanda for many years.

George Maxwell Spencer

George was born January 30, 1890. He married Martha Evelyn Trumbull, who was born on March 14, 1889.



Figure 124: George Spencer (1890-1964)

They had the following children:

1. Maxwell Arthur Spencer (1919-1919)
2. Burleigh Laporte Spencer (1920-1998) married Helen Elizabeth Hatton (1925-2007) on February 14, 1946
 1. Pricilla Spencer (dates unknown)
 2. Paula Spencer (dates unknown)
 3. Pamela Spencer (dates unknown)
 4. Daniel Spencer (dates unknown)
 5. Gary Spencer (dates unknown)
 6. David Spencer (dates unknown)
 7. Robert Spencer (dates unknown)

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3. Charlotte Rose Spencer (1921-1976) married Theodore A. Holsapple; 3 sons & 1 daughter
4. Olin Clifford Spencer (1923-2012) married Dawn Elaine Meade (1929-2017) on April 2, 1948
 1. Craig Spencer (dates unknown)
 2. Candy Spencer (dates unknown)
 3. Clifford Spencer (dates unknown)
 4. Cindy Spencer (dates unknown)
5. Geraldine Spencer (1925-1926)
6. Arthur Rodney Spencer (1928-1992) married Joann Mary _____ (1934-1980) on December 1, 1951
 1. Yvonne Spencer (dates unknown)
7. Leo Andrew Spencer (1930-2000) married Jesse May Platt (1933-?)
 1. (baby girl) Spencer (1957-1957)
 2. Kathy Spencer (dates unknown)
 3. Bruce Spencer (dates unknown)
 4. Ellen Spencer (dates unknown)
 5. Bonnie Spencer (dates unknown)

Photos



Figure 125: George Spencer in Towanda on Bridge Street

He registered for the draft in World War 1 but I don't think he served.

Form 1 **261** **1939** **REGISTRATION CARD** No. **21**

1 Name in full **George William Maxwell Spencer** App. in yrs. **97**
(Given name) (Family name)

2 Home address **R.O. 2 Towanda Pa**
(No.) (Street) (City) (State)

3 Date of birth **Jan 30 1890**
(Month) (Day) (Year)

4 Are you (1) a natural-born citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien, (4) or have you declared your intention (specify which)? **Natural Born**

5 Where born **Burlington Twp Pa U.S.A.**
(Town) (State) (Nation)

6 If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject?

7 What is your present trade, occupation, or office? **Farmer**

8 By whom employed? **Henry C. Spencer**
Where employed? **Burlington Twp**

9 Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 12, or sister or brother under 12, solely dependent on you for support (specify which)? **no**

10 Married or single (which) **Single** Race (specify which) **Caucasian**

11 What military service have you had? Rank _____; branch _____
years _____; Nation or State _____

12 Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)? **no**

I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.

George William Maxwell Spencer
(SIGNATURE OF HEAD)

If person is of African descent, tear off this corner

Figure 126: George Spencer's WW1 Draft Registration

He moved to Sayre, Bradford County, Pennsylvania by 1920.

George worked as a general laborer for the Lehigh Valley Railroad (LVRR) in 1920, and as a boiler maker in 1930 and 1940. He also worked at Sayre Lingerie for several years.

REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after April 28, 1877 and on or before February 16, 1897)			
SERIAL NUMBER U 2127	1. NAME (Print) GEORGE M. SPENCER (First) (Middle) (Last)		ORDER NUMBER
2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print) 113 Draper St. Sayre Brad. Pa (Number and street) (Town, township, village, or city) (County) (State)			
[THE PLACE OF RESIDENCE GIVEN ON THE LINE ABOVE WILL DETERMINE LOCAL BOARD JURISDICTION; LINE 2 OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE WILL BE IDENTICAL]			
3. MAILING ADDRESS Same			
(Mailing address if other than place indicated on line 2. If same insert word same)			
4. TELEPHONE none	5. AGE IN YEARS 52	6. PLACE OF BIRTH Brad. Co. Pa (Town or county) (State or country)	
DATE OF BIRTH Jan 30 1890 (Month) (Day) (Yr.)			
7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS Mrs. Evelyn Spencer same address			
8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS L. V. R. R. Co Sayre (Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)			
9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS Sayre Brad. Pa (Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)			
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.			
D. S. S. Form 1 (Revised 4-1-42)		16-21630-2 George M. Spencer (Registrant's signature)	

Figure 127: George Spencer's WW2 Draft Registration



Figure 128: Evelyn and George Spencer

George died June 25, 1964 and Martha died on November 27, 1977; both are buried at Tioga Point Cemetery in Athens, Pennsylvania.



Figure 129: George & Bessie Spencer

Burleigh Laporte Spencer (1920-1998)

Burley was born June 12, 1920 in Sayre. He served in the United States Army from October 13, 1941 to October 26, 1945.

He married Helen Elizabeth Hatton on February 14, 1946. Helen was born August 2, 1925 in Leroy, Bradford County, Pennsylvania. They had 7 children though I don't have any dates or the order for them yet so I put them in alphabetical order below.

Their children included:

- Daniel Spencer
- David Spencer
- Gary Spencer
- Pamela Spencer
- Paula Spencer
- Pricilla Spencer
- Robert Spencer

Helen later married Russell Cowan and they had a son: Jack R. Cowan.

Burley died April 18, 1998 in Chenango County, New York. Helen died January 8, 2007 in McDonough, Chenango County, New York.

Charlotte Rose Spencer (1921-1976)

Charlotte was born October 11, 1921 in Sayre. She married Theodore A. Holsapple (1912-?) and they had 3 sons and 1 daughter but I don't know their names.

Olin Clifford Spencer (1923-2012)

O.C. was born April 26, 1923 in Sayre. He married Dawn Elaine Meade (1929-2017) on April 2, 1948 in Barton or Waverly. Dawn was born October 7, 1929 in Sayre to Elbert Raymond Meade and Beatrice Tracy.

O.C. and Dawn had 4 children but I don't know their dates (yet) so I put them in alphabetical order:

- Candy Spencer
- Cindy Spencer
- Clifford Spencer
- Craig Spencer

Olin died November 1, 2012 in Danville, Montour County, Pennsylvania and Dawn died August 28, 2017 in Waverly. They are buried in Athens.

Arthur Rodney Spencer (1928-1992)

Rodney was born December 14, 1928 in Sayre. He served in the United States Army from June 23, 1948 to August 21, 1968.

He married Joann Mary _____ on December 1, 1951. Joann was born in 1934 and died in 1980. They had

- Yvonne Spencer

Rodney died February 14, 1992 and is buried in Athens.

Leo Andrew Spencer (1930-2000)

Leo was born April 28, 1930 in Sayre. He married Jesse May Platt, who was born November 13, 1933. They had:

1. (baby girl) Spencer (1957-1957)
2. Kathy Spencer (dates unknown)
3. Bruce Spencer (dates unknown)
4. Ellen Spencer (dates unknown)
5. Bonnie Spencer (dates unknown)

Leo died July 31, 2000 in Sayre and is buried in Athens.

Chapter 6.

DNA

DNA testing has become a popular entertainment and genealogy tool in the past 10 to 15 years. The *ethnic estimates* are interesting – entertaining – but it is still considered “recreational science” at this point.

The DNA *matches*, however, have uncovered many secrets – real secrets or ‘open’ secrets – from the past.

If you decide to test...

If you decide to test there are several companies conducting testing. These companies examine the autosomal DNA (atDNA; not the X or Y chromosomes) to find patterns within the DNA that look like other people who tested. Your DNA is not compared to people who lived 100 years ago; you are compared to people who self-report all of their recent ancestors came from the same geographic place.

The popular testing companies include:

- Ancestry.com is the largest of the companies with well over 15 million people who have tested around the world.
- 23andme.com is the second largest of these companies with over 13 million people who have tested around the world. They also provide a ‘health’ report with *tendencies* (not predictions) about certain hereditary conditions.
- FamilyTreeDNA.com (FTDNA) and MyHeritage.com are the next two companies with around 9 to 11 million people tested. FTDNA will also do separate Y-DNA or mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA) tests, which can show ancient migration patterns.
- LivingDNA is also an up-and-coming company.

All of these services allow you to download your DNA as a *really large* text file that you can upload to other sites. Ancestry and 23andme don't allow you to upload files but the others do.

There are also other sites, such as GEDMatch.com and Promethease.com, that don't test your DNA but will provide additional analysis.

FTDNA and GEDMatch are two sites involved in police searches to help find violent offenders by matching crime scene DNA to DNA found on these sites. The police don't expect to find a criminal on the sites. They are looking for several relatives who can help them identify a *possible suspect*. The DNA match, however, is not used as evidence in the courtroom, just as a method of helping finding and narrowing down suspects. Plus, you can turn off the ability of law enforcement to match your DNA.

If you are thinking of testing, I would suggest testing on Ancestry and/or 23andme since they don't allow file uploads. Ancestry is less expensive than 23andme. Then, you can upload that file to the other sites.

There are surprises...

I'm not going to spill family secrets in this booklet since I don't know who has been contacted and who hasn't so, I don't want to intrude. I can, however, warn you that – like any family – there are a couple surprises.

Chapter 7.

Reunion

The descendants of Henry Clay Spencer and Amanda Jane Dunn have been holding annual reunions for several decades. Some group photos from reunions are included in this chapter.

The 2020 reunion was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

If you have another photo please scan and email it to me at the address in the Foreword. I'll include it in future updates to this booklet.

1965



2017



2019



Photo Gallery

The following photographs didn't quite fit in line with the stories above so they were added here.

Mothers & Sons

From left to right below: grandmother Julia Ann Jennings (1829-1918), Edward Augustus Spencer (1888-1983), mother Amanda Jane Dunn (1850-1925), and George Maxwell Spencer (1890-1964).



Figure 130: Mothers & Sons

The Spencer Girls

From left to right: Nellie, mother Amanda, and Bessie.



Figure 131: Nellie, Amanda & Bessie Spencer

The Older Sons

From left to right: Nelson Spencer (1868), Homer Spencer (1875), Milan Spencer (1873), and Lyman Spencer (1872).

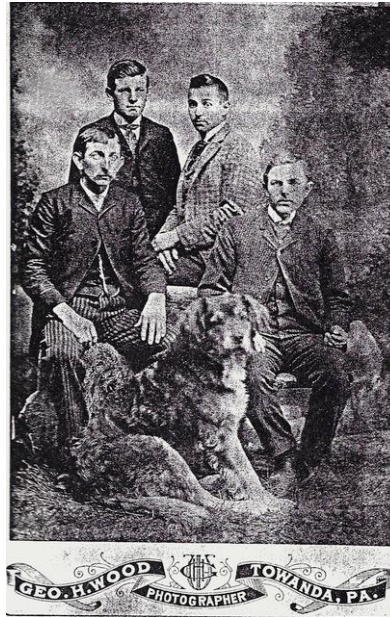


Figure 132: Henry's & Amanda's 4 older sons

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