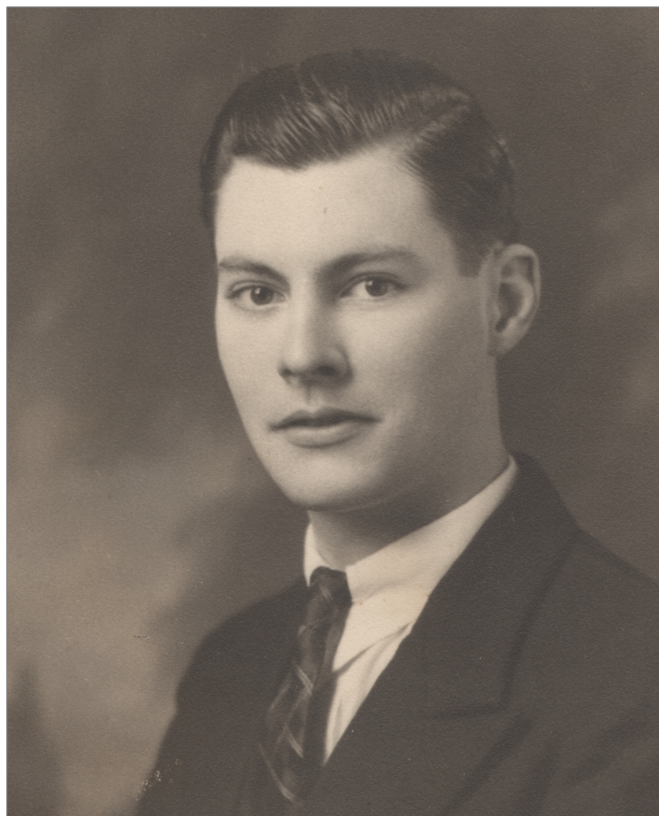


Genealogical Research Report

Ancestry of Kenneth Edmund Lewis



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Research Objective

Information in this report is what is known and supported by evidence as of September 1, 2018. This research project traces the ancestry of Kenneth Edmund Lewis, born in South Hadley, Massachusetts, in 1917. His father was Harold Edward Lewis, born in Holyoke, Massachusetts, in 1893. His mother was Ethel M. Downey, born in Palmer, Massachusetts, in 1892. In order to maximize research time, the focus was on Harold and Ethel Lewis and their direct line ancestors (parents, grandparents, great-grandparents.) While collateral lines (aunts, uncles, cousins) may be mentioned, they were not fully explored. Ambiguous results are communicated with wording such as "about," "possibly," or "probably" and not cited as fact. Please also note that there are many images in this document. For the most part, these are cropped images of important documents.

Accuracy of Source Data

Names

Levels of literacy in the past meant that many people did not know how to spell their name. So at times of registering births, marriages, or deaths, the names would be recorded in the way the registrar or priest/vicar thought they should be spelled. Taking into account regional accents and pronunciations, it is not surprising that names in records are spelled in many different ways.

In this report, names are transcribed as they appear in historical records. The correct spelling, or more recent spelling, of a name is noted in brackets. For example, Filman [Fidelia] and Edna Fountain [Lafountain].

Ages

Ages were also sometimes recorded inaccurately.

When marrying, a person needed consent if they were under a certain age, so people often said they were older, or "of full age," so that they didn't need parents' permission.

Often people simply didn't know their exact birth date, as it wasn't particularly relevant to their lives. People didn't have calendars as they do today, and there was no money to celebrate or mark the occasion. Subsequently, people often quoted incorrect ages on official records such as the census.

If they had a very young child working, they might exaggerate that child's age to make it look like he or she was old enough to work rather than be at school.

In certain census years, ages were rounded off. For example, in the 1841 England census the ages of people over 15 years old were usually rounded down to the nearest 5 years.

Census Accuracy

the questions in census records varied from year to year, census information generally included names of other household members, ages, birthplaces, residence, occupation, immigration and citizenship details, marriage information, military service, and more.

Most census information is reliable. Residence information on the census is especially believable because a census taker (enumerator) visited each household. But some information such as birthplace of parents may not have been known. Information may have been given to a census taker by any member of the family, or by a neighbor. Some information may have been incorrect or deliberately falsified. Immigrants may have had trouble understanding questions and communicating their answers. Enumerators may have had difficulty understanding an immigrant's accent.

Early census records contained vague instructions, and enumerators may have inaccurately interpreted their duties or census questions. The accuracy of spelling and of census information was totally at the mercy of the individual enumerator.

Paternal Ancestry

Father

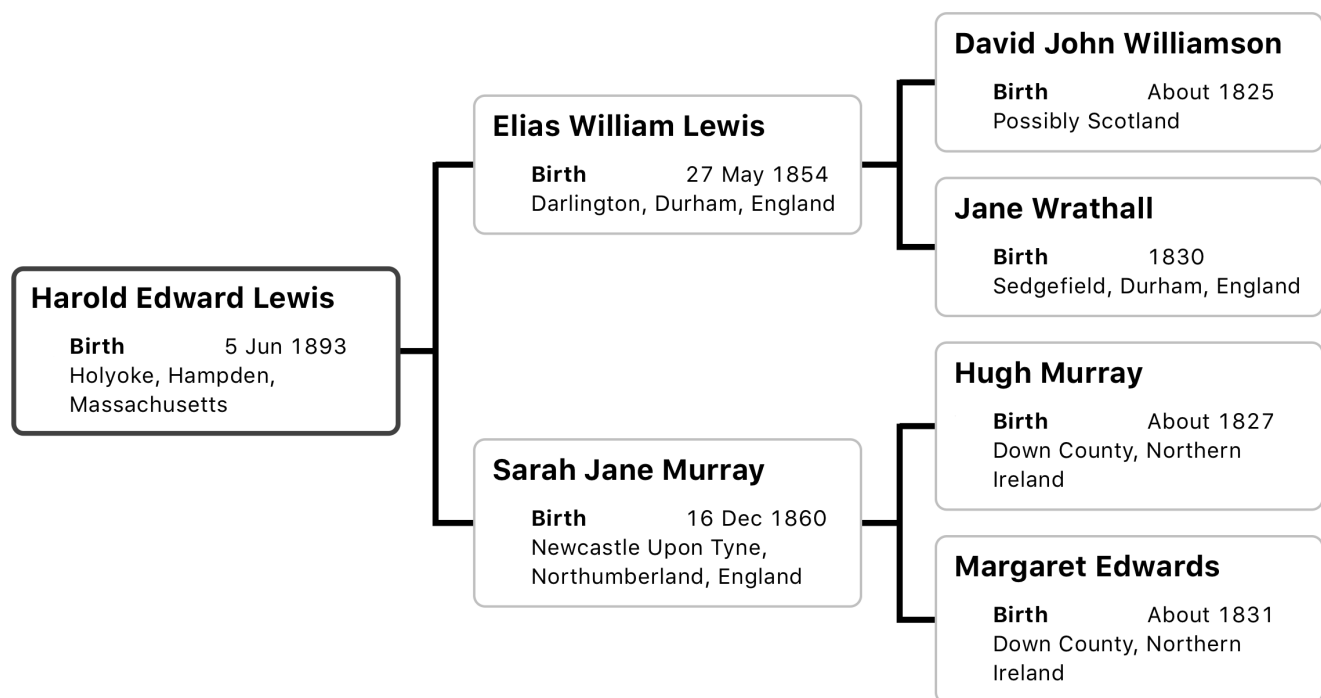
- HAROLD EDWARD LEWIS (page 5) was born in Holyoke, Hampden County, Massachusetts, 5 June 1893. He died in South Hadley, Hampshire County, Massachusetts, 23 May 1961. He was the son of ELIAS WILLIAM LEWIS and SARAH JANE MURRAY.

Grandparents

- ELIAS WILLIAM LEWIS (page 10) was born in Darlington, County Durham, England, 27 May 1854. He died in Holyoke, Hampden County, Massachusetts, 10 March 1915. He was the son of DAVID JOHN WILLIAMSON and JANE WRATHALL.
- SARAH JANE MURRAY (page 11) was born in Newcastle Upon Tyne, Northumberland, England, 16 December 1860. She died in Springfield, Massachusetts, in 1939. She was the daughter of HUGH MURRAY and MARGARET EDWARDS.

Great Grandparents

- DAVID JOHN WILLIAMSON (page 19) was possibly born in Scotland about 1825. He probably died in County Durham, England, about 1854. He was the son of JOHN WILLIAMSON AND ____.
- JANE WRATHALL (page 19) was born in Sedgefield, Durham, England, and baptized 11 June 1830. She died in Wakefield, Yorkshire, in 1904. She was the daughter of STEPHEN WRATHALL and MARGARET HERON.
- HUGH MURRAY (page 23) was born in County Down, Ireland, about 1827. He died in Leeds, Yorkshire, England, in 1882. He was the son of HUGH MURRAY and ____.
- MARGARET EDWARDS (page 23) was born in County Down, Ireland, about 1831. She was the daughter of SIMON EDWARDS and ____.



Maternal Ancestry

Mother

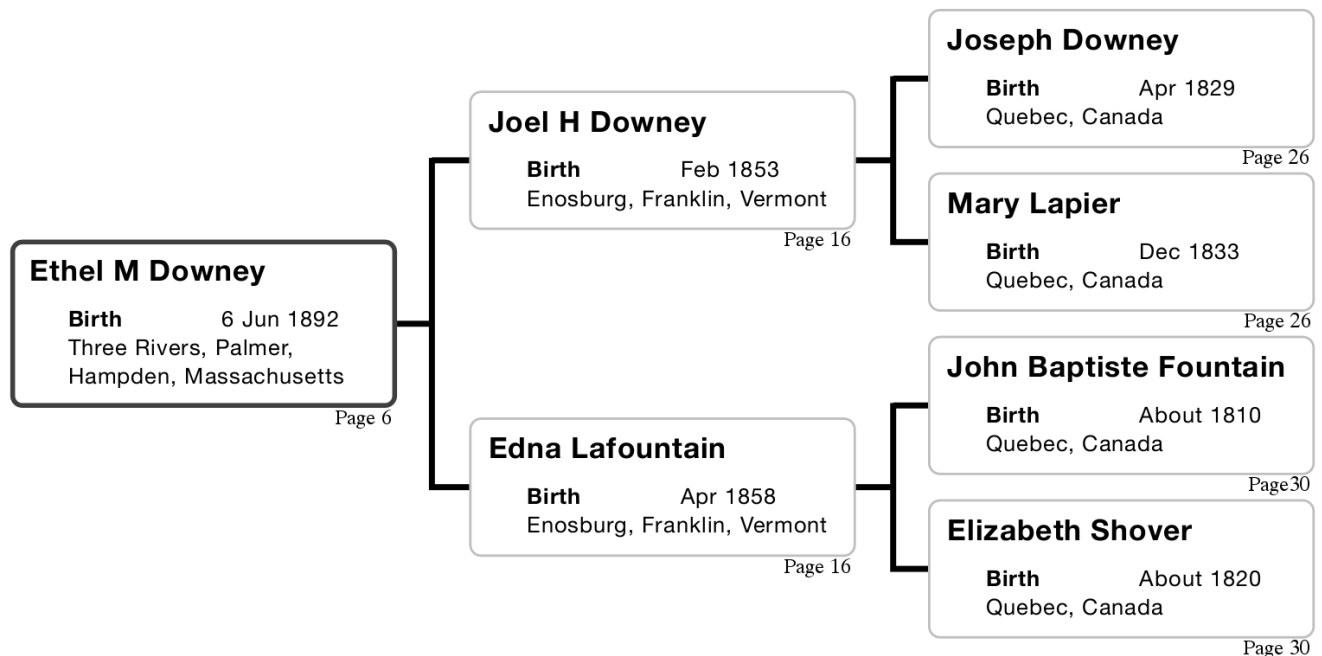
- **ETHEL M. DOWNEY** (page 5) was born in the village of Three Rivers, Palmer, Hampden County, Massachusetts, 6 June 1892. She died in South Hadley, Hampshire County, Massachusetts, 20 November 1958. She was the daughter of **JOEL H. DOWNEY** and **EDNA LAFOUNTAIN**.

Grandparents

- **JOEL H. DOWNEY** (page 15) was born in Enosburg, Franklin County, Vermont, February 1853. He died in South Hadley, Massachusetts, in 1921. He was the son of **JOSEPH DOWNEY** and **MARY LAPIER**.
- **EDNA LAFOUNTAIN** (page 15) was probably born in Sheldon, Franklin County, Vermont, April 1858. She died in Palmer, Massachusetts, in 1933. She was the daughter of **JOHN BAPTISTE FOUNTAIN** and **ELIZABETH SHOVER** [CHAUVIN?].

Great Grandparents

- **JOSEPH DOWNEY** (page 25) was born in Quebec, Canada, April 1829. He died in Montgomery, Franklin County, Vermont, in 1913. He was the son of **JOSEPH DOWNEY** and _____ **LAMBERT**.
- **MARY LAPIER** (page 25) was born in Quebec, Canada, December 1833. She died in Montgomery, in 1903. She was the daughter of **FRANCIS LAPIER** and **JANE** [DOWNEY?].
- **JOHN BAPTISTE FOUNTAIN** (page 29) was born about 1810 in Quebec, Canada, and probably died in 1870 in Vermont.
- **ELIZABETH SHOVER** [CHAUVIN?] (page 29) was born about 1820 in Quebec, Canada.



First Generation: Harold Edward Lewis and Ethel M. Downey (Parents)

Harold Lewis ~ Early Life

Harold Edward Lewis was born on 5 June 1893 in Holyoke, Hampden County, Massachusetts. He was the son of English immigrants Elias William Lewis and Sarah Jane Murray.¹

BIRTHS REGISTERED in the <i>City</i> of <i>Holyoke</i> for the Y					
DATE OF BIRTH.	DATE OF RECORD.	NAME AND SURNAME OF THE CHILD, AND COLOR (if other than white).	SEX & CONDITION (as Twins, Illegitimate, &c.).	PLACE OF BIRTH.	NAMES OF PARENTS. (Maiden name of mother.)
6 June 5	Feb. 1, 1894	Harold Edward Lewis	M.	Holyoke	Elias W. & Sarah (Murray)

Massachusetts, Birth Records, Harold Edward Lewis, 1893

Harold first appears in the census at age 6. In June of 1900 he was living at 74 Bond Street in Holyoke, Massachusetts, with his father William E [Elias], 46, mother Sarah J, 40, Margaret, 18, Maud, 16, Jane, 11, Stephen, 7, Sarah, 4, Dorothy, 2, and George, 1.² (See census image page 14.)

In April of 1910 Harold and his family were still living on Bond Street. His sisters Margaret and Maude had moved out. He had two new sisters, Elsie, 9, and Julia, 7. Harold was 17 years old and employed as a pattern maker in a machine shop.³

Bond Street	74	18 ⁵	28 ²	Lewis, Elias W.	Head	M	W	58	M	29			Eng. English
				— Sarah	Wife	F	W	50	M	29	12	10	Eng. English
				— Jennie	Daughter	F	W	21					Eng. English
				— Stephen	Son	M	W	15					Massachusetts
				— Harold	Son	M	W	17					Massachusetts
				— Sarah	Daughter	F	W	14					Massachusetts
				— Dorothy	Daughter	F	W	12					Massachusetts
				— George	Son	M	W	11					Massachusetts
				— Elsie	Daughter	F	W	9					Massachusetts
				— Julia	Daughter	F	W	7					Massachusetts

1910 U.S. Census – Elias W. Lewis Household, Holyoke

Harold's father, Elias, died in 1915, and according to the 1916 Holyoke City Directory, Harold's mother moved the family to 5 Worcester Place in Holyoke.⁴

Ethel Downey ~ Early Life

Ethel M. Downey was born on 6 June 1892 in the village of Three Rivers, Palmer, Hampden County, Massachusetts, to Joel H. Downey and Edna Lafountain.⁵

6		Ethel M Downey	7		Joel & Edna
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Massachusetts, Birth Records, Ethel M Downey, 1892

In June of 1900 Ethel was 7 years old and living in South Hadley, Massachusetts, with her father Joel, 47, mother Edna, 42, Howard, 21, Pearl [Persis], 18, Eva, 15, Effie, 13, and Earl, 1.⁶ Her oldest sister, Ada, had married in 1876 and was no longer in the Downey household. (See census image page 18.)

At the time of the 1910 census, Ethel was living on High Street in South Hadley with her parents, her sister Effie, and her brother Earle [Earl]. Ethel was 17 years old and employed as a finisher in a paper mill.⁷

Downie Joel M.	Head	M	W	36	M	35		Vermont	La. French	La. French
— Edna	Wife	7	W	32	M	35	17	Vermont	Eng. English	Vermont
— Effie A.	Daughter	7	W	22	S			Vermont	Vermont	Vermont
— Ethel M.	Daughter	7	W	17	S			Massachusetts	Vermont	Vermont
— Earle F.	Son	14	W	11	S			Massachusetts	Vermont	Vermont

1910 U.S. Census – Joel Downie [Downey] Household, South Hadley

By March of 1917 Ethel's family had moved to 33 North Main Street.



Harold Lewis & Ethel Downey, c. 1917

Harold and Ethel ~ Life Together

Harold Lewis and Ethel Downey married on 12 March 1917. Harold was 23 years old, and Ethel was 24.⁸

DOWNEY—LEWIS ENGAGEMENT.
Miss Millie Sterling of Cordes Court, entertained a party of 20 friends at a Valentine party in her home last evening. The rooms were decorated with hearts and cupids and in the dining room cupids were used as favors. Miss Dorothy Lewis received the cupid announcing the marriage engagement of Miss Ethel Downey of this town to Harold Lewis of Holyoke. Miss Downey was the recipient of many beautiful gifts. A mock marriage was enjoyed with Mrs. Eva Ferry as the bride, Miss Clara Ittner, groom, Miss Elsie Lewis, bridesmaid, Miss Ella Sterling, best man, and Miss Anna Bach, parson. A lunch was served and games and music were enjoyed. Miss Downey's marriage to Mr. Lewis will take place next month.

Downey / Lewis Engagement Announcement

Mar. 12	Harold E. Lewis	(23)	First	5 Worcester St.	superior
So. Hadley	Ethel M. Downey	(24)	do	33 No. Main St.	clerk
Falls				So. Hadley Falls	at home

Massachusetts State Vital Records, Marriage Record, Harold Lewis and Ethel Downey, 1917

3020 187 REGISTRATION CARD No. 26

1 Name in full: Harold Edward Lewis Age in yrs. 24

2 Home address: 43 Bardwell South Hadley Mass

3 Date of birth: June 5 1893

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 were you born? Holyoke Mass U.S.G.

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

7 What is your present trade, occupation, or office? Pattern Clerk 19

8 By whom employed? Worthington Pump Mach. Co

Where employed? Holyoke Mass

9 Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 12, or a sister or brother under 12, solely dependent on you for support (specify which)? Wife

10 Married or single (which)? Married Race (specify which)? Caucasian

11 What military service have you had? Rank _____; branch _____; years _____; Nation or State None

12 Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)? Dependent

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

Harold E. Lewis
(Signature or mark)

WWI Draft Registration Card, Harold Lewis, 1917

One month later, in April of 1917, the United States declared war on Germany. Harold registered for the draft on his 24th birthday. According to his registration card, he and Ethel were living at 43 Bardwell in South Hadley. Harold was employed as a pattern clerk at the Worthington Pump and Machine Corporation in Holyoke. The registrar recorded Harold's physical description: medium height, medium build, blue eyes, dark brown hair.⁹

Ethel was pregnant at that time, and Harold claimed exemption from the draft on the grounds that he had dependents. Harold and Ethel's son Kenneth was born on 8 August 1917.

By 1920 Ethel and Harold had moved to 72 North Main Street in South Hadley. Harold was working as an assistant clerk in a machine shop, probably Worthington Pump.¹⁰

On 18 August 1920 the 19th Amendment was ratified. Ethel may have voted in the presidential election on 2 November 1920. This was the first election in which women had the right to vote in all forty-eight states.

Harold and Ethel's son David was born on 2 December 1921. By 1923 the family had moved to 13 Spring Street in South Hadley.¹¹

On 2 July 1925 Harold and Ethel's daughter, Jean Ruth Lewis, was born in Worcester, Massachusetts. For some months in 1925 and 1926 Ethel was living in Worcester while Harold was living in Holyoke. Harold wrote to Ethel during that time. No letters survive today, but a few envelopes that Ethel gave to her grandson Kenneth Jr. for his stamp collection did survive. Those envelopes are dated November 1st, 17th, 23rd, and December 3rd of 1925, and January 5th of 1926. Harold's return address was 934 Dwight Street, Holyoke, MA, c/o W. Griffin. Ethel's address was 236 Main Street, Worcester, MA, c/o Mrs. Malcolm Simpson, and one envelope was c/o Mrs. Knapp.¹²

According to the 1930 census, Harold and Ethel were renting a home at 31 North Main Street in South Hadley. Their rent was \$26 a month. The household included Harold, 36, Ethel, 37, Kenneth, 12, David, 8, and Jean, 4. Harold was working as a steam pump draftsman.¹³

31	187	206	Lewis Harold E.	Head	R	26		No	M	W	36	M	23	no	yes	Massachusetts
			Ethel M.	Wife	H			✓	F	W	37	M	24	no	yes	Massachusetts
			Kenneth E.	Son				✓	M	W	12	S		yes	yes	Massachusetts
			David H.	Son				✓	M	W	8	S		yes	yes	Massachusetts
			Jean R.	Daughter				✓	F	W	4	S		no	yes	Massachusetts

1930 U.S. Census – Harold Lewis Household, South Hadley

By 1935 the family had moved to 13 Carew Street in South Hadley, and by 1938 they had moved again to 8 Hartford Street. Harold was working in New Jersey.¹⁴ He was one of many people in New Jersey who rushed into the streets on 6 May 1937 to catch sight of the Hindenburg passing overhead just hours before it crashed, a story he later told to his grandson Kenneth.

Harold was enumerated in the 1940 census in South Hadley with “ab” next to his name. This meant that he was absent from the household at the time of the census. He was still working in New Jersey and spent a lot of time away from his family. Ethel, Kenneth, David and Jean were enumerated at 8 Hartford Street in South Hadley. David and Jean were in high school, and Kenneth was working as a draftsman in the magnet manufacturing industry.¹⁵

8	8	R	35	M	Lewis, Harold ab	Head	M	W	46	M	Sp	8	Massachusetts	Same place
					— Ethel M. D.	Wife	F	W	47	M	Sp	42	Massachusetts	Same place
					— Kenneth E.	Son	M	W	22	S	Sp	4-4	Massachusetts	Same place
					— David W.	Son	M	W	19	S	Sp	4-3	Massachusetts	Same place
					— Jean R.	Daughter	F	W	14	S	Sp	4-1	Massachusetts	Same place

1940 U.S. Census – Harold Lewis Household, South Hadley

Harold was also enumerated in the 1940 census in Newark, New Jersey. He was living in the household of Frederick and Ernestine Wort at 9 Tichenor Street. Frederick Wort was a doctor in private practice, and he likely used his home as a hotel. There were a total of twenty people enumerated in the Wort household. Sixteen people were recorded as “lodger,” one was recorded as “hotel employee,” and Harold was recorded as “guest.” Harold was working as a “draughtsman” in the pump manufacturing industry and earning \$2,036 a year.¹⁶

Lewis, Harold E.	guest	M	W	46	47	No	8	Massachusetts	3	South Hadley,
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1940 U.S. Census, Harold E. Lewis in Wort Household, Newark, NJ

The Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor on 7 December, 1941, and the U.S. declared war on Japan the next day. On 11 December 1941 Italy and Germany declared war on the United States.



Kenneth and David Lewis, Newspaper Clipping, Family Scrapbook

Harold and Ethel’s sons Kenneth (Air Force) and David (Marines) both served during the war. Ethel was active with the Red Cross Canteen services in Holyoke.

Harold registered for the draft on 26 April 1942. He was too old to serve in a military capacity, but he was required to register for the “Old Man’s Draft.” This draft was held to collect information on the labor skills of men aged 45 to 64 to determine if those skills could be used in the war effort. In addition to the draft card, Harold would have had to fill out an extensive questionnaire. Those 1942 questionnaires did not survive. His draft card indicates that he and Ethel were living at 13 Hartford Street and that Harold was working as a draftsman at Worthington Pump in Harrison, New Jersey. The registrar recorded Harold’s physical description: 5’ 8-1/2” tall, 160 lbs., blue eyes, brown hair, a scar over his left eye.¹⁷

Harold joined the Mount Holyoke Masons Lodge in 1946.¹⁸

On 18 November 1958 Ethel (Downey) Lewis fell off a chair and fractured her neck. She died two days later in Holyoke Hospital on 20 November 1958. She was 66 years old.¹⁹

FORM R-303

MARGIN RESERVED FOR BINDING

N. B. - WRITE PLAINLY WITH UNFADING BLACK INK - THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD. Every item of information should be carefully supplied. MEDICAL EXAMINERS should give the CAUSE AND MANNER OF DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified under the International Classification of Causes of Death. See reverse side for extracts from the laws relative to the return of certificates of death.

If deceased was a U. S. War Veteran, G.L. Chap. 46, Section 10, requires physicians to insert a recital to that effect.

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
EDWARD J. CRONIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH
DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS

Hampden (County)
Holyoke (City or Town)
No. Holyoke Hospital
St. Holyoke
Registered No.

1 PLACE OF DEATH
2 FULL NAME ETHEL DOWNEY LEWIS
(If deceased is a married, widowed or divorced woman, give also maiden name.)
(a) Residence. No. 13 Hartford St. So. Hadley
(Usual place of abode) (If nonresident, give city or town and State)
Length of stay: In place of death years months 2 days. In place of residence years months days.

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH
3 DATE OF DEATH Nov. 20, 1958
(Month) (Day) (Year)
4 I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have investigated the death of the person above-named and that the CAUSE AND MANNER thereof are as follows: (If an injury was involved, state fully.)
arteriosclerotic heart dis.-
coronary sclerosis. Fracture of
neck, rt. femur
5 Accident, suicide, or homicide (specify) accident
Date and hour of injury Nov. 18 A.M. 19 58
Where did injury occur? So. Hadley, Mass.
(City or town and State)
Did injury occur in or about home, on farm, in industrial place, or in public place? in home
(Specify type of place)
Manner of injury Fell off chair
(How did injury occur?)
Nature of injury as above
While at work? no Was autopsy performed? no
6 Was disease or injury in any way related to occupation of deceased? no
If so, specify.
(Signed) E.J. Zielinski Med. Exam. M. D.
(Address) 188 Chestnut St. Date 11-21-58
7 Village Cem. So. Hadley
Place of Burial, or Cremation. (City or Town)
DATE OF BURIAL Nov. 23, 19 58
8 NAME OF FUNERAL DIRECTOR Myron W. Ryder Jr.
ADDRESS So. Hadley Falls, Mass.

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS
9 SEX F 10 COLOR W 11 SINGLE (write the word) MARRIED Married
WIDOWED or DIVORCED
11a If married, widowed, or divorced HUSBAND of (Give maiden name of wife in full) Harold Lewis
(or) WIFE of (Husband's name in full)
12 IF STILLBORN, enter that fact here.
13 AGE 66 Years Months Days If under 24 hours Hours Minutes
14 Usual Occupation: Housework
(Kind of work done during most of working life)
15 Industry or Business: Own Home
16 Social Security No.
17 BIRTHPLACE (City) Three Rivers, Mass.
(State or country)
18 NAME OF FATHER Joe Downey
19 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (City) Montgomery vt.
(State or country)
20 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Edna Lafountain
21 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (City) Montgomery vt.
(State or country)
22 Informant David W. Lewis
(Address) So. Hadley Falls, Mass.
I HEREBY CERTIFY that a satisfactory standard certificate of death was filed with me BEFORE the burial or transit permit was issued:
William P. Ryan M.D.

Massachusetts Death Certificate, Ethel Lewis



Ethel Lewis & Ginger, date unknown

Harold Lewis died of a heart attack three years later on 23 May 1961. He was 68 years old.²⁰ Harold and Ethel are buried in the South Hadley Falls Cemetery, also known as Village Cemetery.



Ethel and Harold Lewis, date unknown

Second Generation: Elias William Lewis and Sarah Jane Murray (Paternal Grandparents)

Elias Lewis ~ Early Life

Elias William Lewis was born Elias Williamson on 26 May 1854 in Darlington, County Durham, England.²¹ He was the son of David John Williamson and Jane Wrathall. His sister, Dorothy Margaret, was born in 1849. His father died sometime before September 1855.

Columns:-	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
No.	When and where born	Name, if any	Sex	Name and surname of father	Name, surname and maiden surname of mother	Occupation of father	Signature, description and residence of informant	When registered	Signature of registrar	Name entered after registration
2119	26 May 1854 Shore Place Darlington	Elias	Boy	David John Williamson	Jane Williamson formerly Wrathall	Mariner	Jane Williamson Mother Shore Place Darlington	26 May 1854	John Tweedle	Registrar

Certified Copy of a Entry of Birth Given at the UK General Register Office, Elias Williamson, 1854

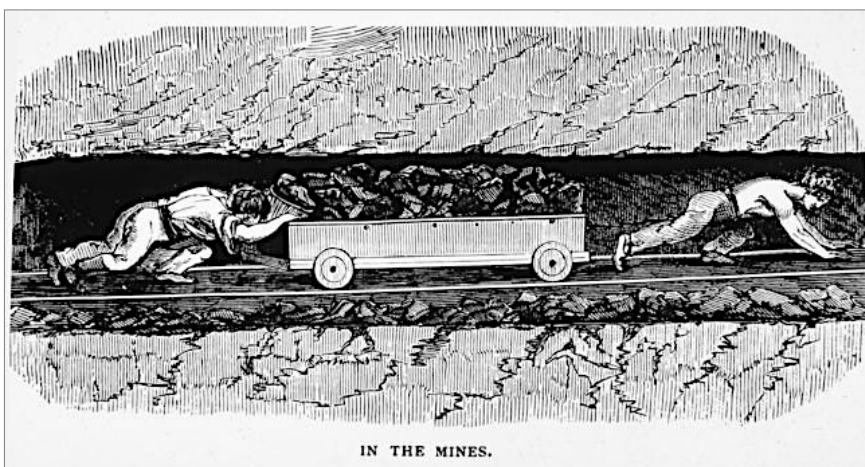
Elias's mother married her second husband, David Lewis, on 2 September 1855. Elias was christened Elias Lewis on 13 April 1856 at St, Cuthbert, Darlington.²² At that time he was given the surname of his stepfather. Jane and David had two children together, Mary Jane, born 1856, and Stephen Seth, born 1858.

Henry Longstaff	Head	Man	35
Jane Do	Wife	Woman	31
Dorothy Do	Daughter		12
Elias L Do	Son		6
Mary J Do	Daughter		5
Stephen M Do	Son		3
John M Do	Son		1 mo

1861 England Census – Henry Longstaff [Langstaff] Household

David Lewis died in 1859, and Elias's mother married her third husband, Henry Langstaff, in 1860. In 1861 the Langstaff family was living in Monkwearmouth Shore, County Durham. The household included Henry Langstaff, 35, Jane, 31, Elias's sister Dorothy, 12, Elias, 6, his half-sister Mary, 5, and his half-brothers Stephen, 3, and John, one month.²³

By 1871 the Langstuffs had moved to Langley Street in Lofthouse, Yorkshire. Elias had two new half-brothers, Henry, 3, and Edward, three months. Elias was 16 years old and working as a hurrist [hurrier] in a coal mine.²⁴ (See census image page 22.) Hurriers were women and children employed to move tubs full of coal along roadways as small as sixteen inches in height



According to the 1881 England census, Elias was still living with the family in Lofthouse, but they had moved to Robin Hood Street. He was 27 years old and employed as a "Coal Miner in the Army Reserve."²⁵

Henry Langstaff	Head	Mar	54	Householder
John W. Langstaff	Wife	Mar	50	Food
Elias W. Langstaff	Son	Mar	24	Miner in the Army Reserve
Stephereth Lewis	Son-in-law	Mar	23	Coal Miner
John W. Langstaff	Son	Mar	18	do do
Edward P. do	Son		10	Scholar

1881 England Census – Henry Langstaff Household, Lofthouse

Sarah Murray ~ Early Life

Sarah Jane Murray, daughter of Hugh Murray and Margaret Edwards, was born on 16 December 1860 in Newcastle Upon Tyne, Northumberland, England. She was christened on 30 December 1860.²⁶

At the time of the 1861 census, Sarah was eight months old. Her family was living at 44 Mitford Street, Elswick, Newcastle Upon Tyne, Northumberland. The household consisted of Hugh, 33, Margaret, 30, Hugh, 7, James, 6, John, 4, and Sarah, eight months; also enumerated in the household were boarders James O'Riley, 25, John Johnston, 24, and Alford Lee, 14.²⁷

Hugh Murray	Head	Mar	33	Lab	Scotland
Margaret do	Wife	Mar	30		do
Hugh do	Son		7		Newcastle on Tyne
James do	Son		6		do
John do	Son		4		do
Sarah Jane do	Daughter		8 months		do

1861 England Census – Hugh Murray Household, Newcastle Upon Tyne

By 1871 the family had moved to 39 Mario Street, Hunslet, Yorkshire, and there were two more children enumerated in the household, Joseph, 4, and Margaret, 1.²⁸ (See census image page 24.)

According to the 1881 census, the family had moved again and was living at 11 Hunslet Hall Yard. Sarah's father was absent from the household at the time of the census. He was enumerated as a boarder in the Collier household in Salford, Lancaster. He was possibly there on business. Sarah was 20 years old and working as a flax hackler.²⁹ A hackler combed coarse flax, using a toothed implement called a hackle. This straightened and cleaned the flax making it ready for spinning.

11 Hunslet Hall Yard	1	Margaret Murray	Head	Mar	50	
		James E. do	Son	Mar	26	Coal Miner
		Sarah J. do	Daughter	Mar	20	Flax Hackler
		Joseph do	Son		4	Coal Miner
		Margaret do	Daughter		11	Scholar

1881 England Census – Margaret Murray Household, Hunslet

Elias and Sarah ~ Life Together

Elias and Sarah were married in the parish of St. Barnabas, Holbeck, Yorkshire, on 8 October 1881. Elias was 25, and Sarah was 21. Elias's name was recorded in the marriage record as Elias Williamson Lewis, his middle name being the surname of his biological father, David John Williamson.³⁰

1881. Marriage solemnized at <u>the Parish Church</u> in the <u>Parish of St. Barnabas Holbeck</u> in the County of <u>York</u>								
No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
215	October 8 th 1881	Elias Williamson Lewis	25	Bachelor	Miner	9 Mon Street	David Lewis	Sailor
		Sarah Jane Murray	21	Spinster	—	28 Mon Street	Hugh Murray	Gas Fitter

Married in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by after Banns by me,

This Marriage was solemnized between us, { Elias Williamson Lewis in the Presence of us, { Margaret Baxter Jessie Longbottom 139 Town

West Yorkshire, England, Church of England Marriages and Banns, Marriage of Elias Williamson Lewis and Sarah Jane Murray, 1881

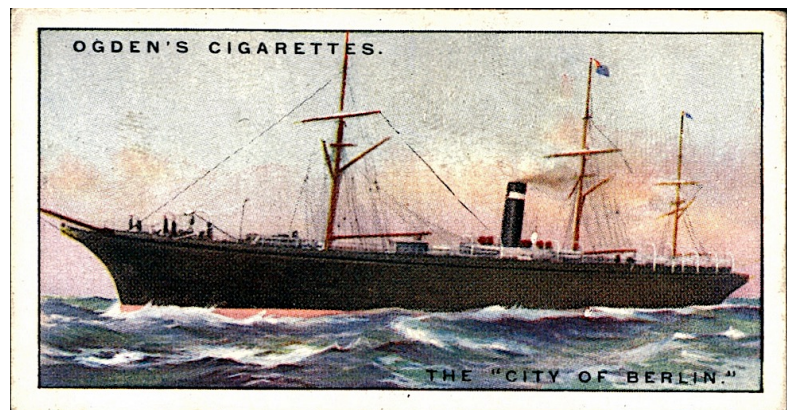
Elias and Sarah's daughter Margaret was born in 1882 in Yorkshire.³¹ Daughter Maud was born in 1883.³² Their son David was born in 1887 and died that same year.³³ Daughter Jane was born in 1889.³⁴

In October of 1889 Elias boarded the ship "City of New York" and departed Liverpool bound for the United States. He arrived in New York on 7 November 1889.³⁵ He traveled alone, perhaps to find a job in the United States before sending for Sarah and their daughters.

Five months later Sarah and daughters Margaret, Maud, and Jane, departed Liverpool on the ship "City of Berlin." They arrived in New York on 21 April 1890.³⁶

1	Sarah Lewis	28
2	Margaret	8
3	Maud	6
4	Jane	4

Passenger List, "City of Berlin", 21 April 1890



Cigarette Card Featuring the Steamship "City of Berlin"

Although the 1890 federal census was recorded in June and would likely have included information for Elias and Sarah, almost all of those census records were destroyed in a fire in 1921.

In 1891 Elias and Sarah's son Stephen Joseph was born in Holyoke, Massachusetts.³⁷ Their Son Harold was born in 1893. Daughter Sarah Elizabeth was born in 1895.³⁸ Dorothy Hazel was born in 1897.³⁹ George William was born in 1899.⁴⁰

In June of 1900 Elias and Sarah were renting a home at 74 Bond Street. The household included William E [Elias], 46, Sarah, 40, Margaret, 18, Maud, 16, Jane, 11, Stephen, 7, Harold, 6, Sarah, 4, Dorothy, 2, and George, 1. The census indicates that Sarah was the mother of ten children, eight of whom were still living. David, born in 1887 in England, was one of the children who died. Records for the birth and death of the other child have not been found. That child was probably born about 1885 in England and died before the family traveled to the U.S. in 1890.⁴¹

Elias's occupation was recorded as "Alpaca Farr Man." Farr Alpaca was a textile mill in Holyoke. In the late 1800s Farr Alpaca was one of the major integrated worsted mills in the country.⁴²

Lewis William E	Head	M	M	May 1854	46	M	20		England
Sarah J.	Wife	W	F	Dec 1859	40	M	20	10 8	England
Margaret B	Daughter	W	F	Feb 1882	18	S			England
Maud	Daughter	W	F	July 1883	16	S			England
Lane R	Daughter	W	F	Mar 1889	11	S			England
Stephen J	Son	W	M	Sept 1892	7	S			Massachusetts
Harold E	Son	W	M	June 1893	6	S			Massachusetts
Sarah E	Daughter	W	F	Sept 1895	4	S			Massachusetts
Dorothy W	Daughter	W	F	Sept 1897	2	S			Massachusetts
George W	Son	W	M	May 1899	1	S			Massachusetts

1900 U.S. Census – William E. [Elias] Lewis Household, Holyoke

By 1910 Elias and Sarah had added two daughters to their family, Elsie, born 1901, and Julia, born 1903. They were still living on Bond Street, and Elias was working in a cloth mill, probably Farr Alpaca.⁴³

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

HOLYOKE
(City or town.)

PLACE OF DEATH: **HOLYOKE** (No. **57**, Bond St. **6** Ward) [If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number.]

FULL NAME: **Elias W. Lewis**
[If married or divorced woman or widow, give maiden name, also name of husband.]

RESIDENCE: **57 Bond St.** Registered No. **218**

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS			MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH	
SEX: M	COLOR OR RACE: W	SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED: Married	DATE OF DEATH: Mar 10 , 19 15 (Month) (Day) (Year)	
DATE OF BIRTH: May 27 , 18 54 (Month) (Day) (Year)			I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have investigated the death of the deceased.	
AGE: 63 yrs. 7 mos. 14 ds. or min. 7			The CAUSE OF DEATH was as follows: Apoplexy	
OCCUPATION: (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work: Wool sorter (b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (see employer): Farr Alpaca			(Duration) yrs. mos. ds.	
BIRTHPLACE (State or country): England			Contributory (Secondary):	
NAME OF FATHER: David Lewis			(Signed) William Graham, M.D. Mar 11, 1915. (Address) Holyoke	
BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or country): England			MEDICAL EXAMINER	
MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER: Jane Rathall			* State the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, or, in deaths from VIOLENT CAUSES, state (1) MEANS OF INJURY; and (2) whether ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL or HOMICIDAL.	
BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or country): England			10 LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (FOR HOSPITALS, INSTITUTIONS, TRANSIENTS, OR RECENT RESIDENTS). At place of death: yrs. mos. ds. In the State: yrs. mos. ds.	
THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE (Informant) Harold Lewis (Address) Holyoke			Where was disease contracted, if not at place of death? Former or usual residence:	
Filed Mar 11 , 1915. Le P Alger REGISTRAR			11 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL: Forestdale DATE OF BURIAL: Mar 13 , 1915 ADDRESS: Holyoke	

Death Certificate, Elias W. Lewis, 1915

Elias William Lewis died on 10 March 1915. The cause of death was apoplexy [cerebral hemorrhage or stroke]. He was buried on 13 March 1915 in Forestdale Cemetery in Holyoke.⁴⁴

By 1916 Sarah had moved to 5 Worcester Place in Holyoke. According to the 1916 Holyoke City Directory, she was living there with her son Harold. George, Elsie, and Julia were certainly with their mother as well but were too young to be listed in the directory. The 1918 directory lists Sarah and her son George at that same address, and Elsie and Julia were likely there as well. Harold had married in 1917 and moved to South Hadley.

In 1920 Sarah was enumerated as a 59-year-old widow and head of the household. She was renting the home at 5 Worcester Place in Holyoke and living there with her three youngest children. She was employed as a waitress at a college. The children were all working. George, 20, was employed as a laborer at Farr Alpaca. Elsie, 18, and Julia, 17, were working as box makers at a paper mill.⁴⁵

Lewis Sarah Mrs.	Head	12	F	59	11	12
George	Son		M	20	11	12
Elsie	Daughter		F	18	11	12
Julia	Daughter		F	17	11	12

1920 U.S. Census – Mrs. Sarah Lewis Household, Holyoke

According to the 1927 and 1929 Holyoke City Directories, Sarah was living at 27 Olive Street in Holyoke with her daughter Julia.⁴⁶ Julia married Otto Kurtz sometime in 1929 or 1930. In the 1930 census Sarah was enumerated as a widow with no occupation in the household of Otto and Julia Kurtz of 33 Taylor Street in Holyoke.⁴⁷

Sarah Jane (Murray) Lewis died in 1939 in Springfield, Massachusetts. She was 78 years old.⁴⁸

Second Generation: Joel H. Downey and Edna Lafountain (Maternal Grandparents)

Joel Downey ~ Early Life

Joel Downey was born in 1853 in Enosburg, Franklin County, Vermont.⁴⁹ He was the son of Canadian immigrants Joseph Downey and Mary Lapier.⁵⁰

Joseph Downey	31	m		Farmer
Mary	26	f		
Joel Downey	8	m		
Willy	5	m		
Frank	3	m		

Joel is first found in the 1860 census at age 8 living with his father, Joseph, 31, mother, Mary, 26, and brothers Willy and Frank, ages 5 and 3. His father was a farmer and they were living in Montgomery, Vermont.⁵¹

1860 United States Census – Joseph Downey [Downey] Household, Montgomery

The Downey family was still living in Montgomery in 1870, but Joel was absent from the census household.⁵² At that time he was 18 years old. An 1870 census record for Joel Downey has not yet been located.

Edna Lafountain ~ Early Life

In the pre-1900 records discovered for Edna's family their surname was recorded as Fountain, but on more recent documents the family name is recorded as Lafountain.

Edna Lafountain was born in April of 1858 probably in Sheldon, Franklin County, Vermont.⁵³ She was the daughter of Canadian immigrants John Baptiste Fountain and Elizabeth Shover [Chauvin?].

In June of 1860 Edna was living in Enosburgh, Franklin, Vermont. She was 3 years old. The census household included her father John, 50, mother Elizabeth, 40, sister Julia, 19, brothers John, 17, Peter, 14, Joseph, 12, Francis, 10, Lewis, 9, and George, 5. Edna was incorrectly enumerated as "Emma."⁵⁴

John B Fountain	50	m		Day Laborer
Elizabeth	40	f		
Julia	19	f		Servant
John	17	m		Day Laborer
Peter	14	m		
Joseph	12	m		
Francis	10	m		
Lewis	9	m		
George H	5	m		
Emma	3	f		

1860 United States Census – John B Fountain Household, Enosburgh

In 1861 the Civil War tore the country apart. On 11 August 1862 Edna's two oldest brothers, Peter and John, enlisted in the 10th regiment of the Vermont Infantry. According to their service records, Peter was 18 years old, and John was 19. They mustered in at Brattleboro on 1 September 1862 for a term of three years. They were moved to Washington, D.C., and then marched to Maryland mid-September.⁵⁵

John became ill a year later was transferred to the General Hospital in Burlington, Vermont. He recovered and returned to duty in December of 1863.

I | **10** | **Vt.**

John Lafountain
Pri, Co. F, 10 Reg't Vermont Infantry.
 Appears on
Company Muster Roll
 for *May & June*, 1864.
 Present or absent *Absent*
 Stoppage, \$ *100* for
 Due Gov't, \$ *100* for
 Remarks:
Wounded in action at Cold Harbor, Va., June 3, 1864
In Gen. Hospital

Compiled Service Record, John Lafountain

the hospital in Virginia to Sloan Hospital in Montpelier, Vermont, and then to Baxter Hospital in Burlington. On 21 Nov 1864 he was transferred to Bedloe's Island, NY [Liberty Island], and from there returned to duty in Virginia.

The Confederates held Peter until January 1865 when he was released in a prisoner exchange. Life as a prisoner of war had taken a toll on him, and from January to April 1865 he was sick at Camp Parole, Annapolis, Maryland. It was there that Peter probably heard the news of General Lee's April 9 surrender. At the end of April Peter was transferred to Baxter General Hospital in Burlington, Vermont.⁵⁹

John and Peter Lafountain were mustered out of the Vermont infantry on 25 June 1865. Edna was 7 years old when her brothers returned home.

It was not until the Battle of Cold Harbor in Virginia that the 10th regiment Vermont infantry suffered heavily. The battle was fought in 1864 from May 31 to June 12 "and is remembered as one of American history's bloodiest, most lopsided battles. Thousands of Union soldiers were killed or wounded in a hopeless frontal assault against the fortified positions of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee's army."⁵⁶ John Lafountain was wounded in action on 3 June 1864, the day of the most significant fighting.⁵⁷

While John was recovering from his wounds in an army hospital in Alexandria, Virginia, Peter was heading into another battle. The Battle of Monocacy is considered the battle that saved Washington. On 9 July 1864 Vermont troops fought valiantly at Monocacy Junction, Maryland, stalling Confederate troops and allowing time for Union reinforcements to arrive in Washington. Peter was taken prisoner.⁵⁸

I | **10** | **Vt.**

Peter Lafontaine
Pri, Co. F, 10 Reg't Vermont Infantry.
 Appears on
Company Muster Roll
 for *July & Aug*, 1864.
 Present or absent *Absent*
 Stoppage, \$ *100* for
 Due Gov't, \$ *100* for
 Remarks:
Taken prisoner by the Enemy at Monocacy Junction July 9/64

Compiled Service Record, Peter Lafontaine [Lafountain]

<i>Fountain John</i>	<i>66</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>Farm labour</i>
<i>Elizabeth</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>Keeping house</i>
<i>Edna</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>At home</i>
<i>Mary</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>N</i>	

1870 United States Census – John Fountain Household, Enosburgh

In 1870 Edna was still living with her parents in Enosburgh. She was 12 years old. The census household included her father, John, 66, her mother, Elizabeth, 60, and her sister Mary, 7.⁶⁰

Joel and Edna ~ Life Together

Joel Downey married Edna Fountain [Lafountain] on 3 May 1873 in Montgomery, Vermont.⁶¹

Joel and Edna's son Lynus was born on 23 June 1874 and probably died some time before 1880.⁶² Lynus would have been 6 years old in 1880, but he was not enumerated in the 1880 census with the family. According to that census, Joel and Edna were living in Montgomery with daughter Ada, 4, and son Howard, 1. They lived one household away from Edna's brother Lewis Fountain and his family, and one household away from her sister Julia Shover and her family. Also living nearby were Joel's parents Joseph and Mary Downey with their son Frank and daughter Jessie.⁶³

[illegible]

1880 United States Census – Joel Downey Household, Montgomery

Sometime between 1886 and 1892 Joel and Edna moved to Massachusetts. The 1890 census would have provided a more specific timeframe as to when they moved, but those census records were destroyed in a fire. The 1900 census shows that daughter Effie was born in Vermont in 1886, and daughter Ethel was born in Massachusetts in 1892.

In June of 1900 the family was living in South Hadley, Massachusetts, and Joel was employed as a barber. The census household included Joel, 47, Edna, 42, Howard, 21, Pearl [Persis], 18, Eva, 15, Effie, 13, Ethel, 7, and Earl, 1.⁶⁴

Downey Abel 871	Head	21.	m.	Feb 1853	47	m	24			Vermont
Edna P 8	Wife	21.	f	Apr 1858	42	m	24	7	7	Vermont
Howard H.	Son	21.	m.	Apr 1879	21	S				Vermont
Pearl S.	Daughter	21.	f	July 1871	18	S				Vermont
Eva J.	Daughter	21.	f	Jan 1885	15	S				Vermont
Effie A	Daughter	21.	f	Dec 1886	13	S				Vermont
Ethel M.	Daughter	21.	f	June 1892	7	S				Massachusetts
Earl H.	Son	21.	m	Nov 1898	1	S				Massachusetts

1900 United States Census – Joel Downey Household, South Hadley

According to the 1910 census, Joel and Edna were renting a home on High Street in South Hadley. The only children still in the household were the three youngest, Effie, 22, Ethel, 17, and Earl, 11. Joel was still working as a barber. The census record indicates that Joel and Edna had nine children, but only seven were living at that time.⁶⁵ (See census image page 7.) One of the children who died was Lynus, but the other child is unknown. No death records have been located yet for either child.

By 1917 Joel and Edna had moved to 33 North Main Street in South Hadley, and they were enumerated there in the 1920 census. The household included their daughter Eva Ferree and her two daughters Wilma and Winifred. Eva was separated from her husband at that time. Joel was still working as a barber.⁶⁶

Lowrey	Joel H	Dead	1 R	7	W	65	M
	Edna L	Wife		7	W	61	M
Lowrey	Era J	Daughter		2	W	33	M
	Wilma	Granddaughter		2	W	13	S
	Winced	Granddaughter		7	W	11	S

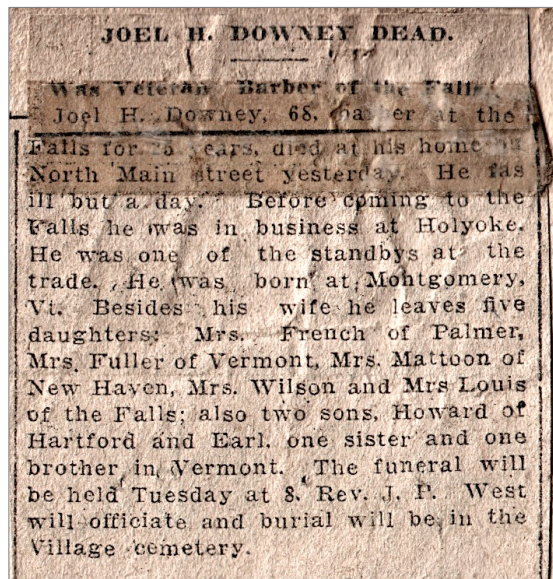
1920 United States Census – Joel Downey Household, South Hadley



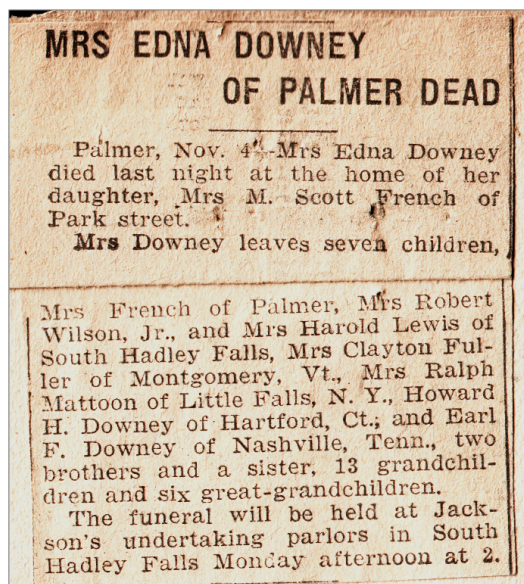
Edna and Joel Downey circa 1910

Joel H Downey died in 1921. He was 68 years old.⁶⁷

“JOEL H. DOWNEY DEAD. Was Veteran Barber of the Falls. Joel H. Downey, 68, barber at the Falls for 23 years, died at his home on North Main Street yesterday. He was ill but a day. Before coming to the Falls he was in business at Holyoke. He was one of the standbys at the trade. He was born at Montgomery, VT.”



Joel Downey Obituary



Edna LaFountain Downey Obituary

According to city directories, Edna was living at 30 Bardwell Street, South Hadley, in 1924, and from 1927 to 1929 she was living with her daughter Ethel Lewis's family at 21 North Main Street in South Hadley.

Edna (Lafountain) Downey died in Palmer, Massachusetts, on 3 November 1933.⁶⁸ At that time she was living with her daughter Ada's family. She was 75 years old.

Third Generation: David John Williamson and Jane Wrathall (Paternal Great Grandparents)

David John Williamson ~ Early Life

Few records were found that could be definitively connected to David John Williamson. His marriage record shows that his father was John Williamson.⁶⁹ UK Masters and Mates certificates were found for a David Williamson born 1825 in Newburgh, Fife, Scotland. The certificates were issued in England, in Sunderland and Newcastle, in 1851 and 1852.⁷⁰ David John Williamson was working as a mariner in those areas at that time and would have been the correct age to be the sailor in those records, but additional evidence is needed to confirm the match.

Jane Wrathall ~ Early Life

Jane Wrathall was born in Sedgefield, County Durham, England, and was christened on 11 June 1830. She was the daughter of Stephen Wrathall and Margaret Heron.⁷¹

John Heron	56	Paint Broker	Yes
Jane Do.	66		Yes
Margaret Wrathall	28	Dress Maker	Yes
Jane Do.	11		Yes

1841 Census – Margaret and Jane Wrathall in John Heron Household

Jane is first found in the England census in 1841 at age 11. She was living on Priestgate in Darlington, Durham, with her mother, Margaret Wrathall, 28, her grandfather, John Heron, 56, and her grandmother, Jane Heron, 66. Jane's mother was employed as a dress maker.⁷² Jane's father, Stephen Wrathall, was absent from the household at that time.

David and Jane ~ Life Together

Jane Wrathall married David John Williamson on 23 March 1848 in the Parish Church of Bishop-Wearmouth, an area in Sunderland, County Durham. David's occupation was recorded in the marriage record as "Mariner." David reported his residence as 6 Upper Sans Street, and Jane reported hers as 4 Fawcett Street.⁷³ Both streets were located in Sunderland. The marriage record confirms that David's father was John Williamson and that Jane's father was Stephen Wrathall.

1848. Marriage solemnized at the Parish Church in the Parish of Bishopwearmouth in the County of Durham							
No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the Time of Marriage	Father's Name and Surname.
215	23 March 1848	David John Williamson	23 full age	Bachelor	Mariner	6 Upper Sans Street	John Williamson
		Jane Wrathall	18 full age	Spinster		4 Fawcett Street	Stephen Wrathall
Married in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church after Banns							
This Marriage was solemnized between us, David John Williamson and Jane Wrathall				in the Presence of us, Richard P. P. P. and the Rev. R. R. R.			

Certified Copy of an Entry of Marriage, David John Williamson and Jane Wrathall, 1848

In 1849 their daughter, Dorothy Margaret, was born in Darlington, Durham.⁷⁴

At the time of the 1851 census, David was probably at sea. Jane, 20, and daughter Dorothy, 1, were living with Jane's mother, Margaret Wrathall, at Skerne Place in Darlington. Jane was enumerated as "Sailor Wife." Her mother, 39, was a widow employed as a "Grocer's Fruiter." That indicates that Jane's father, Stephen Wrathall, had died some time before 1851. Also enumerated in the household were Jane's siblings, Joseph, 7, Thomas, 6, John, 4, Margaret, 2, and Sarah Ann, 1. A 14-year-old female servant and four visitors were also enumerated in the household. The visitors were possibly boarders taken in to help make ends meet.⁷⁵

134	Skerne Place	Margaret Wrathall	Head	Widow	39	Grocer & Fruiter
	do	Jane Williamson	Daughter	Widow	20	Sailor Wife
	do	Joseph Wrathall	Son	W	7	Scholar
Total of Persons...	9					
Total of Houses	14					
134	Skerne Place	Thomas Wrathall	Son		6	Scholar
	do	John W	do		4	do
	do	Margaret E.	Daughter		2	
	do	Sarah Ann	do		1	
	do	Dorothy M. Williamson	Grand Daughter		1	

1851 England Census, Darlington, Durham – Margaret Wrathall Household, Darlington

Jane and David's son David John was born about 1852. He died on 26 September 1854 of pertusis [pertussis], also known as whooping cough. He was 2 years old.⁷⁶

No.	When and where died	Name and surname	Sex	Age	Occupation	Cause of death	Signature, description and residence of informant
461	Twenty sixth September 1854 Skerne Place Darlington	David John Williamson	Male	2 years	Son of David John Williamson Mariner	Pertussis 3 months Certified	His Lady Present at death Skerne Place Darlington

Certified Copy of an Entry of Death, David John Williamson, age 2

Their son Elias was born on 27 May 1854.⁷⁷

David John Williamson probably died sometime between the second half of 1853 and September of 1855 when Jane Wrathall married her second husband, David Lewis.

Jane Wrathall and David Lewis

Jane Wrathall married David Lewis on 2 September 1855 in Bishop-Wearmouth, Durham, England. Jane was 25 years old at that time, and David was 27.⁷⁸

David Lewis was probably born about 1828 in Wales. He was a mariner in the UK Merchant Service.⁷⁹

Jane and David Lewis's daughter, Mary Jane, was born in 1856. Their son, Stephen Seth, was born in 1858.⁸⁰

David Lewis died in Constantinople in 1859 while serving on the ship "Catherine Green." The cause of death was inflammation of the bowels.⁸¹

Jane Wrathall and Henry Langstaff

In May of 1860 Jane Wrathall married her third husband, Henry Langstaff, in Sunderland, Durham.⁸²

According to the 1861 census, Jane and Henry were living in Monkwearmouth Shore, County Durham. Jane was 31 years old and Henry was 35. Henry's occupation was "Mariner." Included in the household were Dorothy, 12, Elias, 6, Mary Jane, 5, Stephen, 3, and Jane and Henry's one-month-old son John.⁸³ (See census image page 11.)

By 1871 Jane and Henry had moved the family to Langley Street in Lofthouse, Wakefield, Yorkshire. Henry was no longer working as a mariner; his occupation was recorded as "Labourer." There were two more children enumerated in the household, Henry, 3, and Edward, 3 months. Jane's daughter Dorothy had married in 1868 and had stayed in Durham with her new husband.⁸⁴

<i>Henry Langstaff</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>Mar</i>	<i>44</i>	<i>Labourer</i>
<i>Jane Do</i>	<i>Wife</i>	<i>Mar</i>	<i>40</i>	

The undermentioned Houses are situate within the Boundaries of the				
ugh of	Municipal Ward of	Parliamentary Borough of	Town of	Village or Hamlet, &c., of
				<i>Lofthouse</i>

NAME and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	CON-DITION	AGE of		Rank, Profession, or OCCUPATION
			Males	Females	
<i>Elias Langstaff</i>	<i>Son</i>	<i>Unm</i>	<i>16</i>		<i>Currier in Coal Mine</i>
<i>Mary Jane Do</i>	<i>Daughter</i>	<i>Unm</i>		<i>15</i>	<i>Shuff Weaver</i>
<i>Stephen Do</i>	<i>Son</i>		<i>12</i>		<i>Scholar</i>
<i>John W. Do</i>	<i>Son</i>		<i>10</i>		<i>Do</i>
<i>Henry Do</i>	<i>Son</i>		<i>3</i>		<i>Do</i>
<i>Edward Do</i>	<i>Son</i>		<i>3 months</i>		

1871 England Census – Henry Langstaff Household, Lofthouse, Yorkshire

In 1881 Jane and Henry were still living in Lofthouse but had moved to Robin Hood Street. Jane was 50 years old, and Henry was 54. Included in the census household were Elias, 27, Stephen, 23, John, 20, and Edward, 10. The three oldest sons were all employed as coal miners. Henry's occupation was recorded in the census as "Hawker License" [peddler].⁸⁵ (See census image page 12.)

According to the 1891 census, Jane and Henry and their youngest son Edward were still living on Robin Hood in Lofthouse. Three lodgers were also enumerated in the household. Jane's son Stephen and his family were living one household away. Henry Langstaff was still a licensed hawker, and son Edward was employed as a "Blacksmith Stricker" [striker].⁸⁶

<i>Henry Langstaff</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>54</i>	<i>Licensed Hawker</i>
<i>Jane Do</i>	<i>Wife</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>Blacksmith Stricker</i>
<i>Edward Do</i>	<i>Son</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>Blacksmith Stricker</i>
<i>Harry Reid</i>	<i>Lodger</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>Laborer</i>
<i>Thomas Newton</i>	<i>Lodger</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>Iron Lumber Laborer</i>
<i>Philip W. Harrison</i>	<i>Lodger</i>	<i>Wid</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>Stone Mason</i>

1891 England Census – Henry Langstaff Household, Lofthouse

Henry Langstaff died on 9 May 1900 in Lofthouse, Wakefield, Yorkshire, at age 72. He was working as a hardware dealer at that time.⁸⁷

LANGSTAFF Henry of "Robin Hood" Wakefield hardware-dealer died 9 May 1900 Probate **Wakefield** 23 July to Richard Ellis horse-keeper and Thomas Pearce labourer Effects £451 6s. 1d.

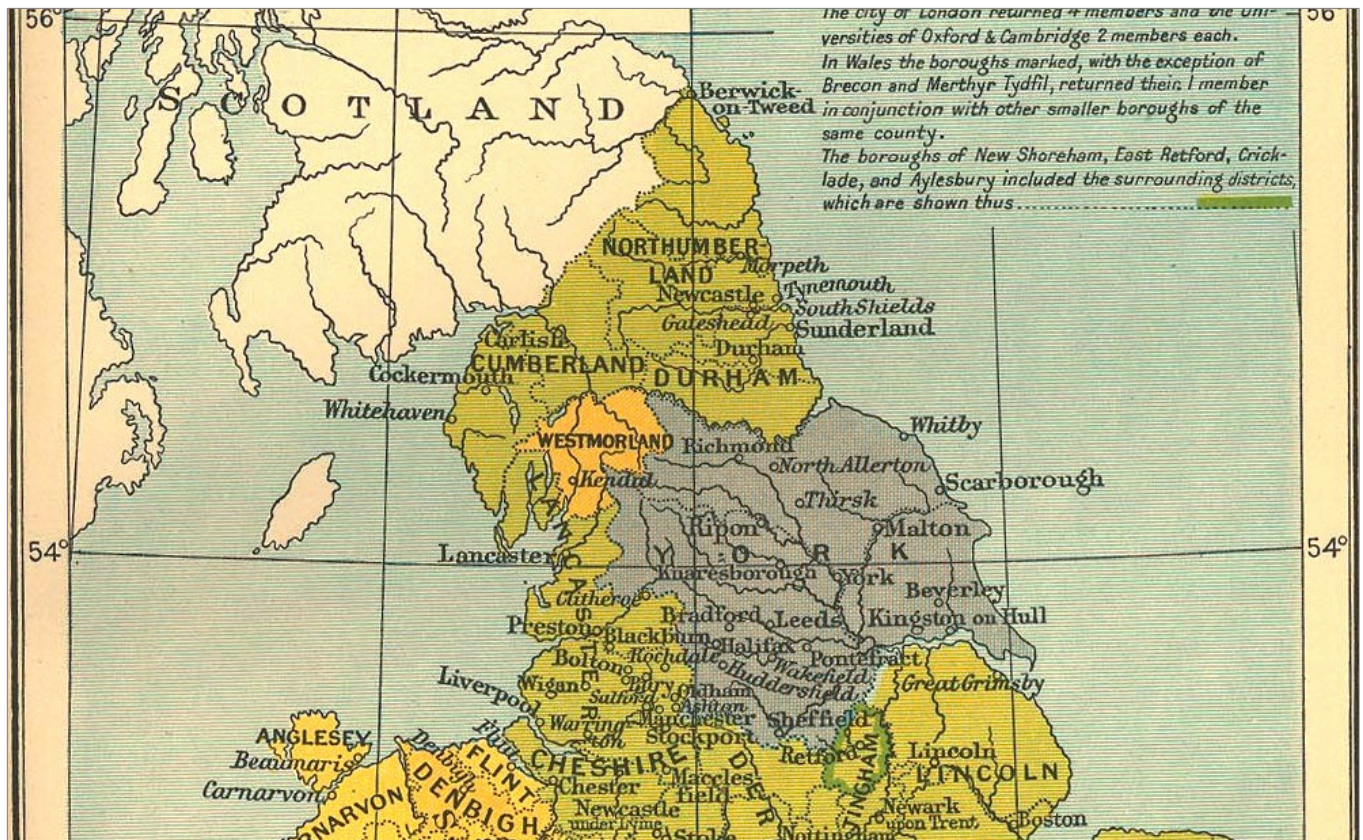
National Probate Calendar, 1900, Henry Langstaff

Jane remained in the house on Robin Hood, and in 1901 she was enumerated as a 71-year-old widow with no occupation. At that time there were two boarders in her household. Jane's son Stephen was still living one household away with his wife and their seven children.⁸⁸

Jane Langstaff	Head	71		
Richard Prescott	Boarder	47		
William Saunders	do	46		

1901 England Census – Jane Langstaff Household, Lofthouse

Jane (Wrathall) Williamson Lewis Langstaff died in 1904 in Wakefield, Yorkshire. She was 73 years old.⁸⁹



Map showing Northern England including Northumberland, Newcastle, Sunderland, Durham, York, and Wakefield in 1832

Third Generation: Hugh Murray and Margaret Edwards (Paternal Great Grandparents)

Hugh Murray ~ Early Life

Hugh Murray was born in County Down, Ireland, about 1827.⁹⁰ His father was Hugh Murray.⁹¹

Margaret Edwards ~ Early Life

Margaret Edwards was born in County Down, Ireland, about 1831.⁹² Her father was Simon Edwards.⁹³

Hugh and Margaret ~ Life Together

Hugh Murray and Margaret Edwards were married on 15 October 1853 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Newcastle Upon Tyne, Northumberland, England. Hugh was 26 years old and Margaret was 27.⁹⁴

No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
39	15th October 1853.	Hugh Murray	26 years	Bachelor	Labourer	Thesgate Street, Newcastle	Hugh Murray	Labourer
		Margaret Edwards	27 years	Spinster		Thesgate Street, Newcastle	Simon Edwards	Labourer

Married in the St. Mary's Catholic Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Catholic Church by me, Joseph Gibson, Priest

This Marriage was solemnized between us, Hugh Murray and Margaret Edwards in the Presence of us, Middleton Redshaw, John Middleton, Eliza Henderson Registrar.

Marriage Record, Hugh Murray and Margaret Edwards, 1853

According to the 1861 census, Hugh and Margaret were living at 44 Mitford Street, Elswick, Newcastle Upon Tyne. Hugh was 33 years old, and Margaret was 30. Hugh was working as a labourer. Ireland was recorded as the place of birth for both Hugh and Margaret. The household included four children, Hugh, 7, James, 6, John, 4, and Sarah, eight months. There were also three boarders enumerated in the household.⁹⁵ (See census image page 12.)

By 1871 the family had moved to Hunslet, Leeds, Yorkshire. Hugh was employed as a "Labourer at Gas Works." Two children had been added to their household, Joseph, 4, and Margaret, 1.⁹⁶

Hugh Murray	Head	Mar	44	Labourer at Gas Works
Margaret do	Wife	Mar	40	
Hugh do	Son	Unm	7	Bricklayer
James do	Son		5	Cloth Finisher
John do	Son		4	do
Sarah J. Murray	Daughter		10	Scholar
Joseph do	Son		4	do
Margaret do	Daughter		1	

1871 England Census – Hugh Murray Household, Hunslet, Leeds (spans two pages of the census)

In 1881 Hugh was absent from the household in Hunslet at the time of the census. He was a boarder in the James Collier household in Salford, Lancashire, and he was employed as “Clerk of Works (Gas Works).” His place of birth was recorded as County Down, Ireland.⁹⁷

James Collier	Head	Mar	53		General Labourer (Salford)	Delbyshire	Glossop
Ann do	Wife	Mar		57		do	do
Hugh Murray	Boarder	Mar	53		Clerk of Works (Salford)	County Down	Ireland

1881 England Census – Collier Household, Salford, Lancashire

Margaret was living at 11 Hunslet Hall Yard with four of the children. Her place of birth was recorded as Ireland, County Down. James, 26, was working as a cloth tenterer. Sarah, 20, was employed as a flax hackler. Joseph, 14, was a coal miner. Margaret, 11, was a scholar [student].⁹⁸ (See census image page 12.)

Hugh Murray died in Leeds, Yorkshire West Riding, in 1882. He was 56 years old.⁹⁹

No further records were found for Margaret (Edwards) Murray.



Old Boar Lane, Leeds, West Yorkshire, England – late 1800s

Third Generation: Joseph Downey and Mary Lapier (Maternal Great Grandparents)

Joseph Downey ~ Early Life

Joseph Downey was born in Quebec, Canada, in April 1829. According to 1900 and 1910 census records, he immigrated to the United States with his family when he was about a year old. His parents were both born in Canada.¹⁰⁰ He was the son of Joseph Downey and _____ Lambert.¹⁰¹

No record was found for Joseph Downey before 1860 when he was living in Montgomery, Franklin County, Vermont. Index searches did not turn up a Joseph Downey in the Franklin County area in 1840 or 1850. This indicates that either the family was not living in the Franklin County area for several decades after immigrating or that their surname has been indexed incorrectly in the records available online, or not indexed at all. Further research must include a page-by-page search of 1840 and 1850 census images for a Downey family in all towns in the Franklin County area.

Mary Lapier ~ Early Life

Mary Lapier was born in Quebec, Canada, in December 1833. According to the 1900 census, she immigrated to the United States with her family when she was about 2 years old. Her parents were both born in Canada.¹⁰² She was the daughter of Francis Lapier and Jane [Downey?].¹⁰³

In 1850, 16-year-old Mary was living in Montgomery, Vermont, with her father Francis, 42, mother Jane, 40, brothers Francis, 18, Joseph, 8, William, 1, and sisters Louisa, 14, Jane, 12, Filman [Fidelia], 10, Olive, 4, and Laura, 2. Mary's father was a farmer and owned \$300 worth of land.¹⁰⁴

Joseph and Mary ~ Life Together

Joseph Downey and Mary Lapier were married about 1851.¹⁰⁵

According to the 1860 census, Joseph, 31, and Mary, 26, were living in Montgomery with their children, Joel, 8, Willey, 5, and Frank, 3. Joseph was a farmer.¹⁰⁶

The Civil War began in April of 1861 with a Confederate victory at Fort Sumter, North Carolina.

Mary's brother Joseph Lapier enlisted in the 7th regiment of the Vermont Infantry on 8 December 1861 and was mustered on 12 February 1862 for a period of three years.¹⁰⁷ He was 20 years old.

The 7th regiment was sent to Mississippi, and by June they were in Louisiana. The southern climate proved very difficult for troops from Vermont, and they suffered greatly from malaria, yellow fever, and other diseases. More than 300 men from the 7th regiment died from disease in 1862, a number far exceeding the losses of any other Vermont regiment from similar causes.¹⁰⁸ According to Joseph's service record, he was sick in hospital by October of 1862.¹⁰⁹

The camp at Carrollton had been named "Camp Williams," but soon became known as "Camp Death," by reason of the great mortality which prevailed among the troops there, especially among those which had participated in the Vicksburg campaign. The seeds of disease, which had been planted in the Vicksburg swamps, now developed with fearful rapidity under the hot summer sun and amid the malarial surroundings of the strip of solid ground between swamps, on which the camps were placed. Fogs prevailed at night and in the early morning, and the stench from the surrounding swamps was often intolerable. The sick list of the Seventh increased with alarming rapidity and the death-rate almost kept even pace with it. Had the regiment been

History of the 7th regiment Vermont volunteers, G.G. Benedict

DEATHS IN THE 7TH REGIMENT.—From a list of the deaths in the 7th Regiment Vermont Volunteers, to the 31st day of December last, as shown by official reports received at the office of the Adjutant and Inspector General, we select companies A, E and F, these being with a few exceptions, from Chittenden and adjoining counties :

COMPANY A.

Daniel G Barnes, Jericho, August 22.
 Charles C Proctor, Hinesburgh, October 16.
 Perrigo Branscom, Essex, Oct. 3.
 George H Allen, Williston, Sept. 10.
 Oliver T Archambault, Charlotte, Aug. 14.
 Eugene Bacon, Milton, Dec. 29.
 Geo M Brockham, Underhill, Sept. 13.
 Wm A Brown, Jericho, Aug. 13.
 Magny Camel, Essex, July 4.
 Martin Casey, Burlington, Oct. 11.
 Augustus Frenier, Burlington, Oct. 13.
 Wm. C. Green, Williston, July 21.
 Peter Lander, Williston, July 14.
 Joseph Lapier, Montgomery, Nov. 29.
 James Mullins, Burlington, Aug. 16.
 Leroy Nichols, Starksboro, Dec. 11.
 Geo. W Page, Essex, Sept. 16.
 John K Page, Essex, July 21.
 Horace Perry, Hinesburgh, Nov. 27.
 Homer Prior, Williston, Aug. 9.
 James Riley, Burlington, Oct. 7.
 Henry Wells, Waterbury, Aug. 9.
 James White, Jericho, Sept. 15.
 George Hosford, Castleton, Sept. 22.
 John McDonough, Rutland, Sept. 28.
 Phineas Pearl, Ticonderoga, N. Y., Aug. 10.

Newspaper Clipping, The Burlington Free Press, 17 Feb 1863

The Marine Hospital in Burlington was about fifty miles from Montgomery, and the temptation proved too great for Francis. On 17 February 1863 he deserted from the hospital.¹¹³ He was likely worried about his wife and infant daughter and disheartened by the death of his brother. His service record shows that he was mustered out on 22 June 1865, but there is no indication that he ever returned to service after deserting.

Mary's brother Francis Lapier had not enlisted with his brother Joseph in December of 1861, most likely because at that time he had an infant daughter, his first child. Francis did enlist the following year on 28 July at the age of 30. He joined Company F of the 10th regiment Vermont infantry, the same company that Peter and John Lafountain joined. By September of 1862 the 10th regiment was in Maryland. By 23 December 1862 Francis was sick and was sent to Lincoln General Hospital in Washington, D.C.¹¹⁰ It was there that he likely received the terrible news about his brother Joseph.

Joseph Lapier died on 29 November 1862 in Carrollton, Louisiana. His service record indicates that he died from chronic diarrhea. Joseph was buried in Chalmette National Cemetery in Louisiana.¹¹¹

In January of 1863 Francis Lapier was transferred to the Marine Hospital in Burlington, Vermont. It was the first military hospital in Vermont established to treat sick and wounded soldiers from New England. President Lincoln had doubts about the idea of hospitals so far from the front lines. "It was thought that many of the disabled men would die under the fatigue and exposure of such long transportation back to their state; and it was suggested that possibly some might be lost by desertion."¹¹² The hospitals in Vermont were successful, and by June of 1864 there were three military hospitals in the state. Similar hospitals were provided in other northern states.



Marine Hospital, Burlington, Vermont. Original Building.
 Date unknown.

In 1870 Joseph and Mary Downey were still living in Montgomery. The household included Joseph, 40, Mary, 40, William, 15, Frank, 13, and [Oscar] Edward, 6. The family was enumerated in the census two households away from Mary's father Francis Lapier's family and one household away from her brother William's family.¹¹⁴

Joseph	40	M	W	day laborer			Canada
Mary	40	F	W	keeping house			"
William	15	M	W	At home			Vermont
Frank	13	M	W	"			"
Edward	6	M	W	"			"

1870 U.S. Census – Joseph Downey [Downey] Household, Montgomery

On 23 February 1876 Joseph and Mary's son Oscar Edward Downey died.¹¹⁵ The cause of death was canker rash, a form of scarlet fever characterized by ulcerated or putrid sore throat. Oscar Edward Downey died a month before his 13th birthday.

At the time of the 1880 census, Joseph and Mary Downey were living in Montgomery with their son Frank, 23, and their daughter Jessie, 9. Their son, Joel, and his wife, Edna, were living two households away. Also living nearby were Edna's siblings Lewis and Julia and their families.¹¹⁶

In August 1888 Joseph Downey filed his declaration of intent to become a United States citizen at the district court in Burlington, Vermont.¹¹⁷

United States of America, }

VERMONT DISTRICT---TO WIT:

Be it Remembered, That at *Burlington*
on the *31st* day of *August* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred
and eighty-*eight*—*Joseph Downey*
an alien, born in *Canada*

in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and *Twenty nine*
at present residing at *Montgomery* in the County of *Franklin*
in the State of Vermont, did personally appear before **GEO. E. JOHNSON**, Clerk of the District Court
of the United States for the District of Vermont, on this *Thirty first* day of
August— in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-*eight*
aforesaid, and did then and there declare on oath as follows, to wit:

"You, *Joseph Downey*, do solemnly swear that for the two
years last past, it has been *bona fide* your intention to become a citizen of the United States, and to
renounce, forever, all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign Prince, Potentate, State or Sovereignty,
whatever, and particularly to Victoria, Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland,
whereof you are, at present, a subject; So help you God."

Geo. E. Johnson
CLERK.

Declaration of Intent, Joseph Downey, 1888

According to the 1900 census, Joseph was farming with the help of a 23-year-old live-in servant named John Downey. John was possibly a nephew or a grandson. Joseph was 71 years old at that time, and Mary was 66. The census indicates that Joseph could not read or write but could speak English. Mary could read and speak English, but she couldn't write.¹¹⁸

Downey Joseph	3-13	Male	It	M	Apr	1829	71	M	49			Canada (Fr)
Downey Mary	3-13	Female	It	F	Dec	1833	66	M	49	5	4	Canada (Fr)
Downey John	3-13	Male	It	M	Jan	1877	23	S				Vermont

1900 U.S. Census – Joseph Downey Household, Montgomery

Mary (Lapier) Downey died of a cerebral hemorrhage on 5 November 1903 and was buried in the Montgomery Center Cemetery. She was 69 years old.¹¹⁹ She died without a will, and Joseph filed with probate court on 28 December 1903 requesting that their son W.O. [William] Downey be appointed administrator of her estate.¹²⁰

Mary Downey's Estate.

State of Vermont, } IN PROBATE COURT, held at St. Albans, in and for said
DISTRICT OF FRANKLIN, ss. } District, on the 28th day of December A. D. 1903,
PRESENT, HON. Otis N. Kelton - Judge.

Comes, Joseph Downey husband of Mary Downey late of Montgomery - deceased intestate and requests that W. O. Downey of Montgomery be appointed Administrator of her estate.

Whereupon, the said Court appointed the said W. O. Downey administrator of the estate of said deceased.

And the said appointee accepts said trust, and having filed a bond in said Court, in the sum of one thousand dollars, with C. L. Martin of Montgomery as surety conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties of said appointment and trust Which bond is satisfactory to said Court

Probate Record, Mary Downey, 1903

In 1910 Joseph was enumerated in the census as a boarder in the household of Levi Lumbra in Montgomery. Joseph was an 81-year-old widower.¹²¹

Joseph Downey died on 10 February 1913. The cause of death was “acute dilation of heart” with the contributing disease of “old age.” He was 83 years old.¹²²

Third Generation: John Baptiste Fountain and Elizabeth Shover [Chauvin?] (Maternal Great Grandparents)

John Baptiste Fountain was born in Canada about 1810. He came to the United States sometime before 1842.¹²³ He was probably the son of John Fountain and Elizabeth _____.

Elizabeth Shover was born in Canada about 1820.¹²⁴ The surname Shover possibly originated from the name Chauvin.

Few records have been discovered for John and Elizabeth. According to birth records of their children, they lived in several towns in Franklin County, Vermont, between 1842 and 1860. Possibly first settling in St. Albans and then moving to Fairfield, then to Sheldon, and then to Enosburgh.

They had at least nine children born between 1842 and 1861.

According to the 1860 census, John B Fountain, 50, and Elizabeth Fountain, 40, were living in Enosburgh, Vermont, with their children Julia, 19, John, 17, Peter, 14, Joseph, 12, Francis, 10, Lewis, 9, George H [Henry], 5, and Emma [Edna], 3.¹²⁵

John B Fountain	50	m		Day Laborer		Canada
Elizabeth	40	f				"
Julia	19	f		Servant		Vermont
John	17	m		Day Laborer		"
Peter	14	m				"
Joseph	12	m				"
Francis	10	m				"
Lewis	9	m				"
George H	5	m				"
Emma	3	f				"

1860 U.S. Census – John B Fountain Household, Enosburgh

Their sons Peter and John served in the 10th regiment of the Vermont Infantry from 1862 to 1865.

Fountain John	66	m	w	Farm Laborer
Elizabeth	60	f	w	Keeping House
Edna	12	f	w	At Home
Mary	7	f	w	"

1870 U.S. Census – John Fountain Household, Enosburg

At the time of the 1870 census, John, 66, and Elizabeth, 60, were living in Enosburgh with their two youngest children, Edna, 12, and Mary, 7. John was a farmer. Neither John nor Elizabeth could or write.¹²⁶

No death records have been found for John or Elizabeth.

Further Research

The next steps for research should focus on finding the birthplaces of David John Williamson, Hugh Murray, Margaret Edwards, Joseph Downey (born abt. 1804), Mary Lapier, John Baptiste Fountain, and Elizabeth Shover. Online index searches should be re-explored, but records for these individuals may not be indexed yet. Image only historical records should be searched page by page.

Future research should also focus on expanding what is known about both direct *and* indirect (collateral) ancestors. Additional information about indirect ancestors (cousins, aunts, uncles and in-laws) may reveal important information about direct ancestors.

The Canadians, Maternal Line

- Downey (Likely Irish)

According to U.S. census records, Joseph Downey (born 1829) and his father, Joseph, were both born in Quebec. Downey is an Irish name, and their ancestors may have immigrated to Canada from Ireland in the late 1700s.

- Lafountain (Likely French)

John Baptiste Fountain (and probably his parents, John and Elizabeth) immigrated to the U.S. between 1811 and 1842. Lafountain is a French name.

- Shover [Chauvin?] (Likely French)

Elizabeth Shover [John Baptiste's wife] immigrated to the U.S. between 1821 and 1842. Chauvin is a French surname, and Shover is an Americanized form of Dutch de Schouwer.

- Lapier (Likely French) Francis Lapier, his wife Jeanette [Jane] [Downey?], and his family immigrated to the U.S. between 1835 and 1838. Lapierre is a French name.

Francis Lapier, my 3rd great-grandfather, immigrated to the U.S. and settled in Vermont sometime between 1835 and 1838. He likely came to the U.S. to escape British Canadian oppression. Many French Canadians became subject to the decisions of the English-speaking majority.

It is thought by some family members that Antoine Lapierre (possibly my 4th great-grandfather) was a trader with the Hudson Bay Company in the early 1800s and that he had several wives and many children. It is also thought that one or more of his wives were Cree Indians from Manitoba.

I have found evidence of an Antoine Lapierre who was a trader with the Hudson Bay Company, but I have found no evidence confirming that this is the same Antoine Lapierre who is the father of Mary Lapier. There may have been more than one Antoine Pierre in Canada at that time.

NAME: LAPIERRE, Antoine		PARISH:	ENTERED SERVICE: ca. 1801	DATES: b. ca. 1782
Appointments & Service				
Outfit Year*	Position	Post	District	HBCA Reference
<i>*An Outfit year ran from 1 June to 31 May</i>				
1801 - 1811	not found in existing records			
1811 - 1821	North West Company			F.4/32a
1821 - 1827	Fisherman		Island Lake	B.239/g/61-66
1827 - 1828	Fisherman		Oxford House	B.239/g/67
1828 - 1831	Fisherman		Island Lake	B.239/g/68-70
1831	Colonist			B.239/g/71
Filename: :Lapierre, Antoine (b.1782) (fl.1801) March 1986 MGM:wg				



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