

SKETCH OF PROMINENT NEWSPAPERMAN, George E. Dunham of Utica, NY

This clip from the 1896 history of Oneida County, NY concerns George E. Dunham (b. 1859) (10)(John 1, John 2, Samuel 3, William 4, Jonathan 5, Samuel 6, Samuel 7, Moses 8, Rev. Moses Earl 9). Thanks for this material go to P. C. Alger, Derry, NH.

Dunham, George Earl.—Mr. Dunham is best known in Oneida county through his connection with the Utica Daily Press, which, from anything but an auspicious beginning, has become one of the leading and most prosperous papers in Central New York. The Press was started in March, 1882, by printers who had left the Herald two days before and whose facilities were decidedly limited. The first number had four small pages by no means of attractive appearance. Mr. Dunham went with the Press the following July and at one time or another has held every situation on the editorial staff. In 1886 he became president of the company and editor of the paper

and has continued in these positions ever since. At the same election T. R. Proctor was chosen vice-president and Otto A. Meyer secretary, treasurer and business manager. The improvement and growth of the Press have been steady and permanent, till now it enjoys the largest circulation in its field. Mr. Dunham was born at Clay-

April 5, 1859, the only child of Moses E. Dunham, D. D., Ph. D., and Harriet (Coughston) Dunham. He was graduated at Whitestown Seminary in 1875 and Hamilton College in 1879, the youngest member of his class at both institutions. He was for a year a clerk in the office of Edwin Baylies at Johnstown, N. Y., one of the ablest law writers of his time, and the author of Baylies' "Questions and Answers," Baylies on "Guaranty and Suretyship" and other standard works. In 1880 he was admitted to practice law and became a member of the firm of Baylies & Dunham. The firm did much work in the line of law book writing, being employed on various of William Wait's publications and several other legal books. A year later Mr. Dunham returned to Oneida county to become vice-principal of Whitestown Seminary, of which his father was principal. In 1882 he came to Utica as a reporter on the Press and has since remained with that paper. In 1888 he was appointed a manager of the United States Hospital for the Insane and was reappointed by Governor Flower and three years later by Governor Morton. He was appointed by Mayor Kinney chairman of the Utica Electric Light Commission and served three years. He was elected a trustee of Hamilton College in 1891 and was re-elected in 1895. Mr. Dunham married Helen L. Jones of Utica, January 9, 1884. They had one child, a daughter, who died in infancy.



GEORGE E. DUNHAM.

SELMA BLACKMON, 5200 Goshen Springs Rd, F-3, Norcross, GA 30093, is still searching for data on JANE A. DUNHAM, wife of ELISHA COUCH. Jane was possibly daughter of LINDSAY DUNHAM. If P. C. Alger (or anyone else) still has available the history of Oneida County, NY, could she check it for these people, who evidently lived in Oneida County 1840's-1850's?

What Were They Thinking?

Frank S. Dunham (seen at right) (1876-1942)(10)(Deacon John 1, John 2, John 3, Ebenezer 4, Ebenezer 5, Jonathan 6, Ralph 7, Francis S. 8, Samuel E. 9) enlisted in the army at the beginning of the Spanish-American War (1898). He had not been in camp long when he came down with typhoid fever, of which there was an epidemic at the camp.

Frank's mother wanted someone in the family to go down & get him, & his older sister, Miriam Dunham Ferriss (1874-1940) was elected for the job. Although she was a woman, & women didn't ordinarily travel alone, at least she was a MARRIED woman (with a young baby), so it was felt that it wouldn't be improper for her to make the solo trip from her Pennsylvania home to southern Illinois to collect her brother & bring him back to Chicago. Miriam rather enjoyed the trip, & she made arrangements to bring the ailing Frank back home.

When her daughter, Lillyn (b. 1897) was still a baby, Miriam contracted typhoid fever, & she was very ill. All of her blonde hair fell out, & when it came back in, she was a brunette, which occasioned some jokes on the part of her husband. ("Well, I MARRIED a blonde, & now look what's happened!")

Oddly, no one ever thought to blame Miriam's trip to pick up her brother for her illness, although there was not much of a time lapse between the incidents. The connection seems obvious-- at least, it does from the vantage point of 100 years later-- but no one ever suggested that more than impropriety was at stake when Miriam walked into a typhoid epidemic.

BELOW: Chicago, 1899. A recovered Frank takes his niece, Lillyn, for a walk.



1934 BOOKLET RE EPHRAIM DUNHAM FAMILY

received from Cleo Holmes. Please note that Cleo does not endorse the ancestral line as given in DD, March & April 1999. This is the line that was given in IWD's recap of descendants of Thomas Dunham. Cleo does not know the name of the father of Ephraim Dunham (1788-1857).
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Jonas was always a great reader, keeping abreast of the times. The neighbors used to come often to ask his opinion on many things. As a child I used to love to sit and listen to his conversation and his tales of the Indians.

While Jonas Dunham lived on the LeGrand Station Farm, several of his children were married, the daughter Susan being the first to marry, on November 25, 1875, then Dennis Clark on Feb. 5, 1876, then Eliza on Feb. 15, 1877, and Mary Ann on June 20, 1877. The home was then broken up, Jonas, Sr., going to live with his children, first with Sue, then Mary, William and Clark, spending his last remaining years with his daughter, Emma, at whose home he died May 23, 1903, at the age of 81 years. He was buried beside his first wife and two children in Pleasant Hill Cemetery north of LeGrand, Iowa.

Although Jonas Dunham, Sr., had no wealth to leave his children, the heritage he left them, it seems to me, far out-weighed riches—a heritage of a sound and moral mind, a love for one's neighbors and a fear and love of God.

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This is followed by a listing of descendants, including people who were born as recently as the 1930's. Since DD does not publish charts, this data will simply be maintained in the Dunham Archive in Flint.

AT RIGHT: The find of this Dunham excerpt from the HISTORY OF BARRY COUNTY, MI (Maple Grove section) would, we hoped, shed some light on the long-perplexing problem of the Dunham pioneers of SW Michigan. Sad to say, it did not—not, at least, in these archives.

Maybe it will ring a bell for someone else. WHY couldn't the article have mentioned the name of Charles' father??

CHARLES S. DUNHAM.

Charles S. Dunham, one of Maple Grove's best known citizens, has lived in the town upwards of twenty-seven years, and in the State since 1837. He was born in Orleans Co., N. Y., Feb. 24, 1820, of good old New England stock, his father having been a native of Massachusetts, although his mother was born in New York State. At the age of ten the lad Charles was called upon to mourn his father's death, and with his mother, brothers, and sisters faced the stern necessity of battling for an existence. In 1837 the family moved to Michigan, and, still pursuing the path of dependence upon his labors, Charles engaged in whatsoever industry his hands could find to do, his chief fields of toil being in Jackson and Kalamazoo Counties, and his pursuits those of farming and painting, as occasion served. In 1841, he and his brother Casper purchased some land upon section 30, in Eaton County, and to that place the family moved that year, Dec. 25, 1844. Mr. Dunham married Catharine, daughter to Peter and Pamela Downs, of Maple Grove township, Barry Co., and upon the Dunham farm, in Eaton County, the worthy couple lived until April 25, 1853, when they moved to Barry County, where Mr. Dunham had bought new land, and in Maple Grove they have ever since resided.

Mr. Dunham has always concerned himself in a spirited way with the advancement of the interest of his adopted town, has frequently been called upon to fill various offices of local trust, and has in short been a man of mark and influence in the community. He has long been a member of the orders of Odd-Fellowship and Freemasonry, and is now connected with Nashville Lodge, No. 255, F. and A. M., and Hastings Chapter, No. 68, R. A. M. Mr. Dunham takes a good deal of pride in the recollection that for thirty-nine years he has not missed a season of sugaring. He proposes to make the record an even forty years and rest content. Mrs. Charles S. Dunham, as already recorded was the daughter of Peter and Pamela (Styles) Downs. Her father was born in Vermont, Dec. 11, 1795, and her mother in Massachusetts, Aug. 2, 1791. They were married in New York, July 21, 1817, and shortly afterwards settled in St. Lawrence County, where Catharine (now Mrs. Dunham), their fourth child, was born Dec. 20, 1824. In 1837, Mr. and Mrs. Downs settled in Calhoun Co., Mich. and in January, 1841, became settlers upon section 36, in Maple Grove township, in Barry County. Later they removed to section 15, and upon the place now owned and occupied by Charles S. Dunham died,—Mr. Downs, Oct. 4, 1871, and Mrs. Downs, June 5, 1873.

Mr. and Mrs. Dunham's children, three in number, are all living, and are named Peter O., born Aug. 3, 1846; Esther, born June 29, 1848; and Matthew H., born Aug. 3, 1861. Living with them are their two adopted children, Evey L., adopted February, 1863, and Charles E., adopted February, 1880. Of Mrs. Dunham's family two brothers are now living, and of Mr. Dunham's one brother and two sisters.

Dunham Births

	year	name	date	location	County	Cer. No.
216	1909	Walter D.	2/4	Jewett	Greene	4902
217	1910	Gertrude E.	8/23	Jewett	Greene	45747
218	1913	F	6/23	Jewett	Greene	33525
219	1913	Newcomb J.	1/	Jewett	Greene	1627
220	1917	M	1/20	Jewett	Greene	3423
221	1917	F	4/11	Jewett	Greene	30989
222	1919	Anne E.	2/5	Jewett	Greene	11013
223	1921	Nellie M.	8/13	Jewett	Greene	67397
224	1922	Norma R.	4/10	Jewett	Greene	30078
225	1882	F	9/1	Lexington	Greene	14213
226	1883	Mira	7/14	Lexington	Greene	14444
227	1884	F	11/23	Lexington	Greene	27747
228	1886	F	1/1	Lexington	Greene	299
229	1886	M	1/21	Lexington	Greene	2231
230	1887	Elizabeth	7/4	Lexington	Greene	22006
231	1888	F	4/28	Lexington	Greene	15196
232	1888	Ethel	4/6	Lexington	Greene	12458
233	1889	Mable M.	9/14	Lexington	Greene	34629
234	1890	Roland H.	1/15	Lexington	Greene	2114
235	1891	M	4/25	Lexington	Greene	16402
236	1891	M	4/25	Lexington	Greene	16403
237	1891	M	6/12	Lexington	Greene	23020
238	1897	Mable	12/24	Lexington	Greene	55519
239	1899	F	3/9	Lexington	Greene	9089
240	1903	Ernest S.	3/5	Lexington	Greene	8438
241	1905	Edna M.	12/18	Lexington	Greene	53992
242	1905	Oscar A.	1/3	Lexington	Greene	270
243	1907	M	9/14	Lexington	Greene	42489
244	1914	Ethel A.	4/21	Lexington	Greene	27001
245	1914	Orville	8/2	Lexington	Greene	?
246	1915	F	10/30	Lexington	Greene	83502
247	1917	Richard F.	6/8	Lexington	Greene	48592
248	1918	M	12/10	Lexington	Greene	?
249	1918	Frankie W.	2/8	Lexington	Greene	?
250	1919	Theda A.	11/14	Lexington	Greene	84653
251	1920	M	9/10	Lexington	Greene	76288
252	1920	Lillian T.	4/16	Lexington	Greene	30674
253	1921	Horace K.	10/14	Lexington	Greene	86483
254	1922	M (SB)	6/8	Lexington	Greene	47403
255	1916	Helen C.	1/4	Lexington	Greene	3294
256	1883	Clarence	12/14	Prattsville	Greene	26701
257	1885	F	2/12	Prattsville	Greene	4326
258	1890	M	3/21	Prattsville	Greene	10637

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	year	name	date	location	County	Cer. No.
259	1907	F	11/8	Prattsville	Greene	53779
260	1908	Florence L.	2/9	Prattsville	Greene	6227
261	1908	Lillian E.	8/21	Prattsville	Greene	37688
262	1912	M	7/	Prattsville	Greene	39256
263	1918	Estelle W.	10/20	Prattsville	Greene	?
264	1919	Carl A.	5/10	Prattsville	Greene	35952
265	1921	Phyllis L.	8/27	Prattsville	Greene	67836
266	1887	F	4/20	Windham	Greene	13156
267	1903	F	1/5	Windham	Greene	530
268	1907	Carrie B.	7/5	Windham	Greene	30379
269	1908	Elbert	3/12	Windham	Greene	11518
270	1916	M	7/29	Windham	Greene	57248
271	1916	F	10/21	Windham	Greene	84726
272	1882	Milo	4/30	Windhan	Greene	D111182
273	1906	Louis C.	8/3	Arietta	Hamilton	34829
274	1909	Martha	6/5	Arietta	Hamilton	25615
275	1918	William D.	8/30	Arietta	Hamilton	?
276	1899	Edna	5/25	Piseco	Hamilton	19393
277	1900	Elsie M.	12/7	Piseco	Hamilton	47063
278	1902	Frances C.	9/10	Piseco	Hamilton	35424
279	1916	Madeline S.	5/18	Wells	Hamilton	39580
280	1919	Stanley L.	4/23	Wells	Hamilton	27684
281	1886	Maud	7/18	Little Falls	Herkimer	23516
282	1888	Ira	6/15	Little Falls	Herkimer	21063
283	1896	M	5/9	Little Falls	Herkimer	19790
284	1896	M	5/9	Little Falls	Herkimer	19790
285	1899	M	3/1	Little Falls	Herkimer	7983
286	1903	Walter E.	11/19	Little Falls	Herkimer	44800
287	1908	Dawes J.	6/1	Salisbury	Herkimer	27963
288	1913	Alice L.	11/24	Salisbury	Herkimer	66439
289	1918	F	5/27	Adams	Jefferson	?
290	1910	F	11/29	Alexander	Jefferson	64510
291	1899	F	12/7	Belleville	Jefferson	45490
292	1901	F	8/2	Belleville	Jefferson	30375
293	1908	Frances R.	8/14	Belleville	Jefferson	36850
294	1919	Thomas	3/30	Carthage	Jefferson	19338
295	1918	R??hel	5/27	Champion	Jefferson	?
296	1896	Shelix G.	6/4	Chaumont	Jefferson	23701
297	1905	F	5/12	Watertown	Jefferson	20271
298	1909	F	1/20	Watertown	Jefferson	7725
299	1881	Mary	8/24	New Lots	Kings	3215
300	1882	Robert N.	9/29	New Lots	Kings	16045
301	1883	Alice	10/4	New Lots	Kings	21326