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From the President

As we approach springtime, I hope you are all able to spend more time with both friends and family. And hopefully, covid will continue to wain and we can all “get back to normal”.

On the genealogy front, I am looking forward to looking at the 1950s census information for my Dunham relatives. I will be searching for some distant relatives that I lost track of along the way. The 1940s had many moving around the country due to World War II, and the 1950 census might help me find where some “landed” after the war. It will also allow me to see who was born between 1940 and 1950 to add to my existing family trees.

I have picked up duties helping with our DNA testing program. This is a quick way for males to see which “major line” of Dunham they reside in via Y-DNA testing. Quickly tracing back to either Deacon John Dunham or Jonathan Dunham (Singletary). We also have DNA program recipients who have taken the Family Tree DNA family finder test (Autosomal DNA test). This works for both males and females to determine how much DNA they share. There are administrator tools that allow one to see which matches we share. If you have taken this test – please take the time to join the program. If you have questions, please feel free to contact me directly at jeffreymdunham@gmail.com.

In closing, we encourage all here to contribute their family stories and to preserve it for others who will come after us. Please contact us for more information. And please encourage your Dunham family members to join our organization. Information on joining is on our website and donations to help support our organization can be made there as well.

Until we speak again next quarter – I wish you all health and happiness.

With Best Regards,

Jeffrey M. Dunham
President
Dunham Genealogy Research Association

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Editor's Corner

As the new Editor of the Dunham Genealogy Research Association, I would like to extend my thanks and gratitude to Gratia Dunham Mahoney who masterfully edited our newsletter for the past fourteen years. Gratia's contributions to researching our collective ancestors, documenting their place in history and compiling the information for the newsletter and website are truly invaluable. And not to worry! We are not losing her amazing skills, knowledge or time, as she will continue on in her role as Historian.

Gratia found my website in June 2020 (www.Dunhamgenealogyservices.com) and invited me to join the Dunham Genealogy Research Association, as I was not familiar with it. What a treasure!

So let me introduce myself as one Dunham to another: my name is Joann S. Dunham, Schenectady, New York and my lineage is as follows:

JOHN¹ DUNHAM, JONATHAN² DUNHAM (John¹), **DANIEL³ DUNHAM** (Jonathan² John¹), **JACOB⁴ DUNHAM** (Daniel³ Jonathan² John¹), **EBENEZER⁵ DUNHAM** (Jacob⁴ Daniel³ Jonathan² John¹), **WILLIAM⁶ DUNHAM** (Ebenezer⁵ Jacob⁴ Daniel³ Jonathan² John¹), **CYRUS⁷ GRAVES DUNHAM** (William⁶ Ebenezer⁵ Jacob⁴ Daniel³ Jonathan² John¹), **WILLIAM DAVID⁸ DUNHAM** (Cyrus Graves⁷ William⁶ Ebenezer⁵ Jacob⁴ Daniel³ Jonathan² John¹), **LEWIS CLAYTON⁹ DUNHAM** (William David⁶ Cyrus Graves⁷ William⁶ Ebenezer⁵ Jacob⁴ Daniel³ Jonathan² John¹), **JAMES CLAYTON¹⁰ DUNHAM** (Lewis Clayton⁹ William David⁶ Cyrus Graves⁷ William⁶ Ebenezer⁵ Jacob⁴ Daniel³ Jonathan² John¹), **JOANN S¹¹ DUNHAM** (James Clayton¹⁰ Lewis Clayton⁹ William David⁸ Cyrus Graves⁷ William⁶ Ebenezer⁵ Jacob⁴ Daniel³ Jonathan² John¹).

During the day, I work in the Information Technology (IT) sector and sell Healthcare Solutions to the Public Sector. In 2018 I was in between jobs and took training to round out my genealogy research skills and opened my own business. For four years I have enjoyed assisting my clients with their research requests. In addition, I decided to focus my business on Genetic Genealogy. I have taken in-depth training with Blaine Bettinger and CeCe Moore – two veterans and leaders of the genetic genealogy community. It is very satisfying and humbling to help those in search of their birth family or identify an unknown parent. I have also helped build family trees based on DNA matches and validated those matches with a genealogical paper trail.

With this being my first newsletter as the official Editor, I thought it would be appropriate to document a bit of my line at a high level, in the following pages.

I look forward to editing the newsletter for years to come, and always feel free to send me ideas and articles for future publication.

Joann S. Dunham, Editor

Dunham Genealogy Research Association Newsletter

Who were the Dunham's that Migrated from Mayfield, Fulton County, NY to the Hamlet of Piseco, Town of Arietta, Hamilton County, New York from 1779 to 1978?

By Joann S. Dunham

This is an accounting of the following direct line from Deacon John Dunham to Joann S. Dunham, the editor of this newsletter. It is noted that there is a lot of documentation for Deacon John¹ Dunham of Plymouth and first generation in America which can be found on our website. A quick accounting of his descendant's migration path leading to myself, living in Saratoga County, NY is as follows: Deacon John¹ born in England, died in Plymouth, MA, Jonathan² was born in Holland and died in Edgartown, MA (aka Martha's Vineyard), Daniel³ was born in Middleborough, MA and died in Edgartown, MA, Jacob⁴ born in Edgartown, MA and died in Mayfield, NY as a result of an Indian attack. There are several accountings of this attack of which I can not do it justice, so will insert here a piece below from THE FRONTIERSMEN OF NEW YORK, JEPHTHA R. SIMMS, GEO. C. RIGGS, PUBLISHER, ALBANY, N.Y., 1883, VOL. II, pp 235-237.

INDIAN RAID AT THE HOME OF JACOB⁴ DUNHAM

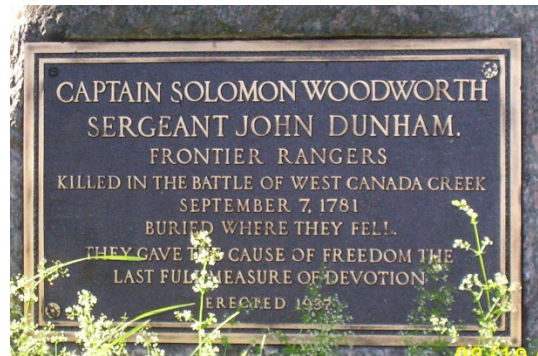
"Friendly Indians were sometimes in the habit of taking up a residence in the vicinity of American frontier posts. In the Spring of 1779 several Indians, who pretended friendship, left the Johnstown fort, where they had, for some time, been a tax on the charity of its officers. It was supposed by James Williamson, an informant, that this party of Indians killed the Dunhams north of Johnstown, as related on page 294 of my Border Wars; but at an interview, May 23, 1850, with Judge John Dunham of Hamilton County, a son of Ebenezer and grandson of Jacob Dunham, one of the slain, I obtained the following narrative of the event, corroborated by Josiah Canfield."

"Some time in the afternoon of April 11, 1779, a small party of the enemy-number not known but said to have been direct from Canada-arrived on the premises of Jacob Dunham, who, with his son Samuel, a young man grown, was engaged some 40 or 50 rods from his house chopping a fallow. Hearing them at work, the Indians were enabled to steal up unobserved, shoot them both down and secure their scalps for market. Mrs. Dunham, hearing the guns, is believed to have concealed herself in a forest hiding place. Zebulon, a son in his teens, was captured by the enemy, and while they were plundering the house, he gave them the slip and fled into the woods for dear life. He was pursued by an Indian, felt his inability to escape by running, and springing over the trunk of a fallen tree, he concealed himself beneath it. The Indian stood upon the log, but, overlooking the object of his search, he gave over the pursuit and returned to share the plunder of their dwelling. John Dunham, another member of this family, was killed later in the war in Herkimer County, as I shall elsewhere show."

"As soon as news of this affair reached Johnstown, a scout under the daring frontiersman of that locality, Solomon Woodworth, pursued the enemy and the next day, not many miles from the Dunham place, came upon their encampment, where was but one Indian. He pretended

friendship, told, Woodworth he would be his prisoner, etc. The scout demanded the whereabouts of his comrades. He said they were hunting but would not tell in what direction. Said Woodworth, "You and your friends have killed an uncle of mine, but you shall not be hurt if you will tell where your comrades are." He covered his face with his hands and, although threatened with death, still refused to reveal their position, whereupon Woodworth raised his rifle and shot him. The rest of the party escaped."

Jacob had two sons who were scouts during the Revolutionary war. One was John Dunham who was mentioned above, and the picture here denotes where he fell in battle. This stone and marker are about one mile away from the Dunham Homestead where the attack occurred.



Jacob's second son who was a scout was Ebenezer, my fifth great grandfather. The following is excerpted from the PENSION APPLICATION OF EBENEZER DUNHAM, NO. S22744, N.Y. "Ebenezer and his brother, John were not home when the attack took place and were probably at Fort Johnstown." Ebenezer mentions the death of his father and brother thus:

"That on the 11th day of April 1779 Jacob Dunham the father of the applicant, (also a brother) was murdered by a party of Indians then on their return to Canada, (having been to Fort Hunter,) to remove their families to Canada with them. That on the 13th of April '79, he removed to Johnstown to guard the Fort under the command of Capt [Andrew] Wemple, Col. [Frederick] Visschers Regiment."

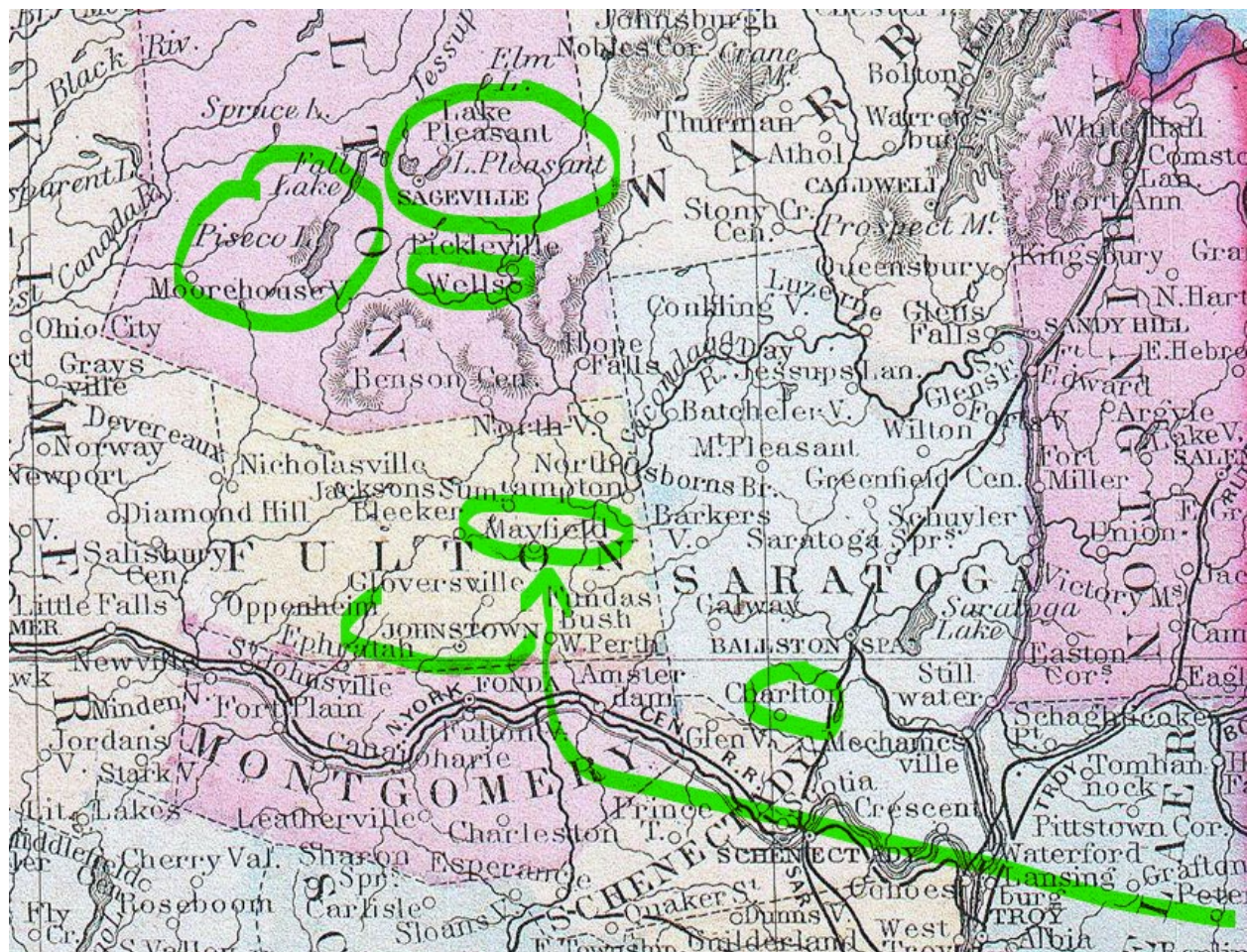
The site of Jacob's home is on the Paradise Point Road [off Route 30A], Town of Mayfield, NY. There is a marker there to denote this spot. The foundation of the original house still exists.



EBENEZER'S⁵ PATH FORWARD

The map below is an attempt to show the migration path of Jacob from CT., to Mayfield, NY, which is slightly north of Johnstown where the Fort was. On the map I circled the town of Charlton. Charlton is the town where my father, James Clayton¹⁰ was principal of the elementary school in the district of Burnt-Hills Ballston Lake. I currently live in Saratoga County – which Charlton is in, and my migration path was 'short'.

After Ebenezer's time in the Revolutionary War, he migrated north to Wells in the county of Hamilton, NY. He raised his family here and there is a large contingent of Dunhams buried in the Wells Cemetery. Many of Ebenezer's descendants stayed in Wells, many moved north to Lake Pleasant, and to Piseco. Some of his ancestors migrated to Michigan where future editions of the newsletter will focus on their lines.



WILLIAM⁶ DUNHAM

William⁶ Dunham was the youngest son of Ebenezer's and he married Sarah Ann Dodge and raised their family of two daughters and five sons on a farm in Wells. (I will document this family in the next newsletter.) Three of their sons mustered into the Civil War and they were John, Thomas and Cyrus⁷. John died during the war and Thomas kept a diary of his time during the war and I will

make that available in a future newsletter. The three brothers, plus several of their cousins were in Company D of the 4th New York Regiment Heavy Artillery. After mustering out Thomas lived on his own farm in Wells, NY and he also lived with his brother Cyrus⁷ in the hamlet of Piseco, NY. The following is an article I wrote for ProGen42, a year long genealogy writing class I attended a few years ago and focus' on my great-grandparents William David⁸ Dunham and Charlotte Emily Abrams. William and Charlotte grew up together, were neighbors and their parents, my two times great grandparents were great friends. Both families were tightly knit, held many jobs in the community, were well known as guides, both ran hotels, tea rooms, bed and breakfast establishments, were town clerks, forest rangers, mechanics, pilots and entrepreneurs. They were also musicians.

Family Sketch of William David⁸ Dunham and Charlotte Emily Abrams of Hamilton County, New York

LIFE IN THE ADIRONDACKS

Named after Alexander Hamilton, Hamilton County in New York State came into being in 1816 and was formally organized in 1847.¹ It lies within the Adirondack Park that is part of New York's Forest Preserve and "was considered one of the great experiments in conservation of the industrialized world with its inclusion of populated communities."²

General perception of this area was that it was a wild, desolate, and unchartered part of the State. Seeing this as an opportunity, it was a draw for veterans and their families who received bounty land warrants for services rendered in the American Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, and various Indian Wars. It also provided challenges such as farming the land in a forest environment with rocky soil, shorter than normal growing seasons, lack of easy access in and out of the area, harsh winters making travel even more difficult, and the remoteness of the area. Having community members with the right trade skills required to sustain life resulted in people having multiple skill sets. Those critical skills included farming, timber harvesting, hunting, trapping and fishing, blacksmithing, saw-mill expertise, ice block retrieval for food storage, store and provision management, hotel management, transportation development, forest fire management, tourism development, and water and communication projects.

1. **WILLIAM DAVID⁸ DUNHAM**, son of Cyrus Graves⁷ Dunham and Sarah Jane Brown, was born 10 September 1873 in Arietta, Hamilton County, New York;³ and died 28 September 1940 in

¹ Wikipedia contributors, "Hamilton County, New York," *Wikipedia, the Free Encyclopedia*, https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hamilton_County,_New_York (accessed May 21, 2020).

² Wikipedia contributors, "Adirondack Park, New York," *Wikipedia, the Free Encyclopedia*, https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Adirondack_Park (accessed May 21, 2020).

³ Sarah Jane (Brown) Dunham Family Bible and Records, 1859-1935, *The Holy Bible* (New York: American Bible Society, 1859), "Family Record"; privately held by Joann Dunham, [ADDRESS FOR PRIVATE USE,] Clifton Park, New York, 2008. Bible was originally the property of Sarah Jane Brown (25 December 1859) before her marriage to Cyrus Graves Dunham. Entries include the birth date for herself, her husband Cyrus, her marriage date to Cyrus, the birth dates for sons George, John C, William and Henry L, and death dates for sons John C and Henry L. Bible was given to Joann by Sarah's great-granddaughter Noma (Paddock) Strang, [ADDRESS FOR PRIVATE USE,] Annandale,

Arietta, Hamilton County, New York.⁴ He married **CHARLOTTE EMILY ABRAMS**, daughter of Floyd Welcome Abrams and Mary Emily Gilman on 25 May 1889 in Arietta, Hamilton County, New York.⁵ She was born 18 September 1878 in Arietta, Hamilton County, New York;⁶ and died 20 May 1936 in Arietta, Hamilton County, New York.⁷ William and Charlotte are buried together in the Dunham Plot D at Higgins Bay Cemetery, Arietta, Hamilton County, New York.⁸

WILLIAM DAVID⁸ DUNHAM, THE EARLY YEARS

William David⁸ Dunham was born 10 September 1873 and was the third of four sons born to Cyrus Graves⁷ Dunham and Sarah Jane (Brown) Dunham.⁹ William's brothers were George, born 26 April 1867, John C., born 9 August 1868, and Henry L., born 28 May 1878.¹⁰



William's father Cyrus, who was in the lumber trade, and Sarah lived in the town of Arietta, more specifically the hamlet of Piseco. During 1880, the young household was comprised of Cyrus (age 34), Sarah Jane (age 35), George (age 13), William D (age 5), and Henry L (age 2).¹¹ *To the right is a photo of Cyrus and his son William during the winter, ready to cut ice for storage in the icehouse.*

Virginia, 2008. Sarah's writing is distinctive and easy to read, the print is somewhat faded, but readable. Also, New York State Department of Health, certificate of death 53939 (1940), William David Dunham; Division of Vital Statistics, Piseco; photocopy in researcher's files. His date of birth recorded as 10 September 1873. The informant was Martha Lamkey, the fourth daughter of William.

⁴ New York death cert. no. 53939 (1940), William David Dunham. Also, William Dunham obituary, undated clipping from unidentified newspaper, ca. 1940; privately held by Joann Dunham, [ADDRESS FOR PRIVATE USE.] Clifton Park, New York, 2008. Also, Higgins Bay Cemetery (Piseco, Hamilton County, New York), William Dunham marker, section D, personally read, 2007. Unfortunately, William's headstone has the incorrect year for his birth, 1874. At this writing, the cemetery plot information was not available to see who owned the plot and ordered the headstone.

⁵ New York State, Marriage Index, 1881-1967, certificate number 8093, William Dunham and Charlotte Abrams, 25 May 1899, Piseco, New York State Department of Health, Albany, NY; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://ancestry.com/> : accessed 21 May 2020); page 239. A request was made in writing to the New York State Department of Health to receive a hard copy image of the entire marriage certificate. It has not arrived at this time.

⁶ New York State Department of Health, certificate of death 32822 (1936), Charlotte Dunham; Division of Vital Statistics, Piseco; photocopy in researcher's files. Her date of birth recorded as 18 September 1878. The informant was her husband, William Dunham. Also, *Find A Grave*, database with images (<http://www.findagrave.com> : accessed 22 May 2020), memorial 50062346, Charlotte Emily Abrams Dunham (1878-1936), Higgins Bay Cemetery, Piseco, Hamilton County, New York; photograph of headstone added by chris.

⁷ New York State Department of Health, certificate of death 32822 (1936), Charlotte Abrams Dunham; Division of Vital Statistics, Piseco; photocopy in researcher's files. Her date of death was recorded as 18 May 1936. The informant was her husband, William Dunham. Also, *Find A Grave*, database with images (<http://www.findagrave.com> : accessed 22 May 2020), memorial 50062346, Charlotte Emily Abrams Dunham (1878-1936), Higgins Bay Cemetery, Piseco, Hamilton County, New York; photograph of headstone added by chris.

⁸ Higgins Bay Cemetery (Piseco, Hamilton County, New York), William Dunham and Charlotte Dunham markers, section D, personally read, 2007. There is also a large monument with the name Dunham on it. Individual headstones identify each person, including William and Charlotte, William Dunham their son and his wife June A., their daughter Elsie Marion Dunham, granddaughter Julia Pfaff, and grandson Gerry Dunham.

⁹ New York death cert. no 53939 (1940), William David Dunham. Also, Sarah Jane (Brown) Dunham Family Bible and Records, 1859-1935, date of birth, 10 September 1873.

¹⁰ Ibid.

¹¹ 1880 U.S. census, Township of Arietta, New York, population schedule, ED17, page 8 (penned), dwelling 17, family 17, line 30, Cyrus Dunham; digital image, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/> : accessed 22 May 2020); citing NARA Series T9, roll 837.

According to the family bible, their fourth son, John C., was born 9 August 1868 and died 7 July 1878.¹² Cause of death is unknown. New York State did not require towns to log death certificates with the State Department of Health until June 1880. A copy from the town could not be found.¹³

Twelve years later, Cyrus turned his attention from lumber to farming, and the family unit was now comprised of Cyrus (age 46), Sarah (age 48), George (age 25), and William (age 18). George was enumerated as an engineer.¹⁴ Unfortunately Henry L. was not enumerated, but his death was recorded in the family Bible by his mother Sarah.¹⁵

CHARLOTTE EMILY ABRAMS, THE EARLY YEARS

Charlotte Emily “Lottie” Abrams, born 18 September 1878 in Arietta, Hamilton County, New York,¹⁶ was the 4th child and 2nd daughter of Floyd Welcome Abrams and Mary Emily Gilman.¹⁷

Charlotte’s family was close neighbors of William’s, and they grew up together as children and shared similar experiences. In such a small community it is not unusual for families to develop strong ties with each other. Two years after Charlotte was born, she was living with her father Floyd (age 27), her mother Mary (age 25), brother David (age 7), and brother William (age 5).¹⁸ Just like William Dunham’s father Cyrus, Floyd was in the lumber trade. One of the largest industries in the Adirondacks was harvesting lumber and floating them down river for the paper mills.¹⁹

Twelve years later, the Abrams family was still living in Piseco and had grown to include four more children. The family included, Floyd (age 40), Mary (age 39), David (age 18), William (age 16),

¹² Sarah Jane (Brown) Dunham Family Bible and Records, 1859-1935.

¹³ FamilySearch Wiki contributors, “How to Find New York Death Records,” *FamilySearch Wiki*, https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/index.php?title=How_to_Find_New_York_Death_Records&oldid=3436526 (accessed May 22, 2020).

¹⁴ 1892 New York State Census, Town of Arietta, New York, population schedule, ED01, page 1 (penned), Cyrus Dunham; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://ancestry.com/> : accessed 21 May 2020); citing New York State Education Department, Office of Cultural Affairs.

¹⁵ Sarah Jane (Brown) Dunham Family Bible and Records, 1859-1935.

¹⁶ New York State Department of Health, certificate of death 32822 (1936), Charlotte Abrams Dunham; Division of Vital Statistics, Piseco; photocopy in researcher’s files. Her date of birth recorded as 18 September 1878. The informant was her husband, William Dunham. Also, *Find A Grave*, database with images (<http://www.findagrave.com> : accessed 22 May 2020), memorial 50062346, Charlotte Emily Abrams Dunham (1878-1936), Higgins Bay Cemetery, Piseco, Hamilton County, New York; photograph of headstone added by chris.

¹⁷ Edna (Dunham) Paddock, *It Seems Like A Dream, Memoirs of Edna Dunham Paddock*, (written San Antonio, Texas, 1976; published San Antonio, Texas, 1996). Sketches of her life in Piseco, Hamilton County, New York, and her life with Colonel Howard Paddock, US Army, World War I and World War II. She and Howard traveled around the world and while he was serving, she had adventures of her own. She included family charts for her parents and grandparents, with children that included birth, marriage and death dates, along with commentary if applicable. She lists all children born to Floyd Abrams and Mary Gilman. Charlotte was the 4th child and 2nd girl.

¹⁸ 1880 U.S. census, Township of Arietta, New York, population schedule, ED17, page 13 (penned), dwelling 58, family 60, line 15, Abranel (*sic*), Floyd; digital image, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/> : accessed 22 May 2020); citing NARA Series T9, roll 837. Note that Floyd Abrams’ surname was misspelled by the enumerator.

¹⁹ Ted Aber and Stella King, *The History of Hamilton County*, (Lake Pleasant, New York, Great Wilderness Books, 1965). Page 144.

Charlotte Emily “Lottie” (age 14), George (age 12), Edith (age 10), Frederick (age 7), and Cora (age 5).²⁰ Floyd had also established another skill set, guide. He built a camp in the back woods to take city sportsmen who wished to hire him as a guide through the mountains. At his camp, they experienced canoeing, hiking, hunting, fishing, and camping. Charlotte, who was in school, assisted her mother by keeping house and watching the younger children.

Keeping with the tradition of lumbering, the picture on the next page shows sons of both Cyrus Dunham and Floyd Abrams families floating logs down river. Pictured are Cyrus’s two sons, William and George, and Floyd’s son William.



Arietta, Hamilton County, New York. 3rd from left is William’s older brother George, 5th from left is William’s brother-in-law and Charlotte’s older brother William Bradley Abrams. 4th man from the right on top of man’s shoulders is William David Dunham. Circa 1900.

Photo from the Joann Dunham Collection

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY

Charlotte married William David Dunham, son of Cyrus Graves Dunham and Sarah Jane Brown on 25 May 1899 in Piseco, Hamilton County, New York.²¹ This was the same day that their first born,

²⁰ 1892 New York State Census, Town of Arietta, New York, population schedule, ED01, page 1 (penned), Floyd W Abrams; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://ancestry.com/> : accessed 21 May 2020); citing New York State Education Department, Office of Cultural Affairs.

²¹ New York State, Marriage Index, 1881-1967, certificate number 8093, William Dunham and Charlotte Abrams, 25 May 1899, Piseco, New York State Department of Health, Albany, NY; digital image, *Ancestry*

Edna came into the world.²² A year after they married, William (age 25), Charlotte (age 21) and Edna (age 9 months), were living on a farm with William's parents Cyrus and Jane, and Cyrus' brother Thomas. William and his uncle Thomas were guides, and the family lived one house away from Charlotte's parents, Floyd (also a guide) and Mary, and six of her siblings.²³

Five years later, William and Charlotte added two more daughters to the family, and William was able to move them to a house of their own, which was next door to his parents. At that time, the ages for the family were William (age 31), Charlotte (age 26), Edna (age 6), and recently born daughters Elsie (age 4) and Francis (age 2). William was now enumerated as a Machinist.²⁴

By 1910, the family had grown to include William and Charlotte's first-born son Lewis (age 4) and Martha (age 10 months).²⁵ As the family grew, so did William and Charlotte's skills, as William was now enumerated as a Retail Merchant having a Grocery Store. William's granddaughter, Noma Paddock, the daughter of Edna Dunham, painted a picture of the Dunham compound from a photograph seen below.²⁶

Photos from the Collection of Joann Dunham



The Dunham House, Tea Room,
Store, Post Office, and
Boarding Rooms



William Dunham on his farm,
standing on top
of baled hay.

(<https://ancestry.com/> : accessed 21 May 2020); page 239. A request was made in writing to the New York State Department of Health to receive a hard copy image of the entire marriage certificate. It has not arrived at this time.

²² New York State Department of Health, Certificate and Record of Birth, Edna M. Dunham, 25 May 1899, Piseco, Hamilton County, New York State Department of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics. Certified photostatic record in researcher's files.

²³ 1900 U.S. census, Township of Arietta, New York, population schedule, ED31, page 2 (penned), dwelling 38, family 38, line 74, William Dunham; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://ancestry.com/> : accessed 22 May 2020); citing NARA Series T623.

²⁴ 1905 New York, State Census, Arietta, New York, population schedule, ED Town of Arietta, page 2 (penned), line 20, William D Dunham; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://ancestry.com/> : accessed 24 May 2020); citing New York State Archives, film page 3 of 6.

²⁵ 1910 U.S. census, Town of Arietta, New York, population schedule, ED41, page 3A (penned), dwelling 42, family 42, line 35, William D Dunham; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://ancestry.com/> : accessed 24 May 2020); citing NARA series T624.

²⁶ Noma (Paddock) Strang, *The Dunham Homestead*, 2003. Painting has been distributed throughout the family and currently hangs in the office of researcher.

In 1915 William's family was still in Hamilton County and expanding its reach to the community. In the years 1898-1903, 1912-1917, and 1921-1926, William was appointed postmaster for Piseco. He served this role from inside the Dunham Store.²⁷

The year 1918 had its highs and lows for the Dunham family. William and Charlotte's last child was born 30 August 1918, and his name was William David Dunham Jr.²⁸ Sadly, just two and a half months after he was born, his older sister Elsie died of influenza²⁹. The year did end joyously with the announcement and marriage of William and Charlotte's oldest child Edna, who married Lieutenant Howard Samuel Paddock.³⁰ Howard was home from the Army on leave when the couple said their vows.

William wore multiple occupational hats, including guide, postmaster, machinist and retail merchant. The trend continued in 1919 when the Conservation Commission of New York State appointed him as Forest Ranger 18 April 1919. He was assigned T-Lake Mountain and its fire tower, which was about 2.5 miles from his house.³¹ Much like today, the Adirondack Mountains experienced severe weather in the winter, but as the population increased with tourism, communities expanded, and economic development initiatives were planned and implemented, the other seasons were ripe for fire. William spent half a year or more each year, spending days and nights in the fire tower for which he was responsible from 1919-1938—almost 20 years.³²

William and Charlotte's first child to marry was Lewis Clayton⁷ Dunham, who married Rosalie Irene Judway 30 April 1927 in Wells, Hamilton Co., N.Y.³³ Together the couple had the first grandchild of the family, Jean Charlene Dunham, born 30 November of the same year.³⁴

²⁷ Ted Aber and Stella King, *The History of Hamilton County*, page 324.

²⁸ 1920 U.S. census, Town of Arietta, New York, population schedule, ED45, page 3A (penned), dwelling 36, family 37, line 43, William D Dunham Jr.; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://ancestry.com/> : accessed 24 May 2020); citing NARA series T625, Roll 1112. Also, Birth Register number 3, William David Dunham, 30 August 1918, photo taken at Piseco Town Hall, Piseco, Hamilton Co., N.Y. Image privately held by Dunham, [ADDRESS FOR PRIVATE USE], 2008.

²⁹ Edna (Dunham) Paddock, *It Seems Like A Dream*. 1996.

³⁰ Form for the Solemnization of Matrimony with Certificate, Howard Samuel Paddock and Edna Marie Dunham, 26 December 1918, Gloversville, New York. Fred Decker, Clergyman, witnessed by Dorothy Paddock. Also, Marriage Announcement, by Mr. and Mrs. William Dunham, Edna M to Lieutenant Howard S. Paddock, Infantry, U.S.A., 26, December 1918, Gloversville, New York. Privately held by Joann Dunham, [ADDRESS FOR PRIVATE USE], 2008.

³¹ Martin Podskoch, *Adirondack Fire Towers Their History and Lore*, The Southern Districts (Fleischmanns, New York: Purple Mountain Press, 2003). T-Lake Mountain, 207-212.

³² *Ibid.*

³³ New York State, Marriage Index, 1881-1967, certificate number 11288, Lewis⁹ Dunham and Rosalie I Judway, 30 April 1927, Wells, New York, New York State Department of Health, Albany, NY; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://ancestry.com/> : accessed 21 May 2020); image 435 of 1757. Also, New York State Marriage Certificate, number 11288, Lewis Dunham and Rosalie I Judway, 30 April 1927, Wells, New York. Photocopy in the files of researcher.

³⁴ New York State, Birth Index, 1881-1942, certificate number 86762, Jean C Dunham, 30 November 1927, Gloversville, New York, New York State Department of Health, Albany, New York; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://ancestry.com/> : accessed 24 May 2020); image 435 of 1745.

Exciting news of the second grandchild came 6 September 1929 with the birth of Noma to Edna Dunham and Howard Paddock.³⁵ For William, this was a happy time but it did not last long, for sadly, only ten days later, his father, Cyrus Graves⁷ Dunham, died on 26 September 1929 from pneumonia.³⁶ He was 83 years old and was buried at Higgins Bay Cemetery, Piseco, Hamilton County, New York.³⁷

William was now experiencing the loss of his own family with the passing of his father. Unfortunately, more tragedy was to come when George, his only living sibling, came to a horrible end 22 June 1935. George was a respected blacksmith and owned his own sawmill. While he was attending to the machinery at the mill, he tripped and fell backwards into the saw. He was 68 years old when this happened.³⁸ William was left to manage his brother's affairs and burial. The year did not improve, as his mother, Sarah, passed away 12 December 1935.³⁹ She was 91. Again, William was left to manage his mother's affairs and burial.

THE WILLIAM DAVID⁸ DUNHAM FAMILY

William David⁸ Dunham and Charlotte Emily Abrams had the following children:

2. i. **EDNA MARIE DUNHAM**, born 25 May 1899 in Piseco, Hamilton Co., N.Y.;⁴⁰ died 2 February 1997 in San Antonio, Bexar Co., Texas.⁴¹ She married **HOWARD SAMUEL PADDOCK** 26 December

³⁵ Edna (Dunham) Paddock, *It Seems Like A Dream*. 1996. Also, Virginia, Marriage Records, 1936-2014, certificate range 23294-23606, Noma Louise Paddock and John Robert Strang, 16 September 1949, Annandale, Virginia, Virginia Department of Health, Richmond, Virginia; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://ancestry.com/> : accessed 21 May 2020); Roll 101168039. Noma is the artist of the painted Dunham Homestead picture.

³⁶ Edna (Dunham) Paddock, *It Seems Like A Dream*. 1996.

³⁷ *Find A Grave*, database with images (<http://www.findagrave.com> : accessed 22 May 2020), memorial 46379078, Cyrus Graves⁷ Dunham (1846-1929), Higgins Bay Cemetery, Piseco, Hamilton County, New York; photograph of headstone added by chris. There is a Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) grave marker to the side of his headstone.

³⁸ Edna (Dunham) Paddock, *It Seems Like A Dream*. 1996. Also, New York State, Death Index, 1852-1956, certificate number 35458, George E Dunham, 1935, Gloversville, New York, New York State Department of Health, Albany, New York; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://ancestry.com/> : accessed 24 May 2020); image 323 of 1306.

³⁹ Register of Deaths, Town of Arietta, Hamilton County, New York, Sarah Jane Dunham, 12 December 1935, page 8, register number 11. Photocopy in files of researcher.

⁴⁰ New York State Department of Health, Certificate and Record of Birth, Edna M. Dunham, 25 May 1899, Piseco, Hamilton County, New York State Department of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics. Certified photostatic record in researcher's files.

⁴¹ *Find A Grave*, database with images (<http://www.findagrave.com> : accessed 22 May 2020), memorial 49345585, Edna D Paddock (1899-1997), Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia. Also, U.S. Veterans Gravesites, ca. 1775-2006, Edna D Paddock. Edna is buried next to her husband Col Howard Samuel Paddock. Howard served in the US ARMY during WWI and WWII. Pictures of Headstone in files of researcher.

1918 in Gloversville, Fulton Co., N.Y.⁴² He was born 19 May 1895 in Gloversville, Fulton Co., N.Y.;⁴³ died 4 January 1959 in San Antonio, Bexar Co., Texas.⁴⁴



Howard was a Col in the US Army and fought in WWI and WWII. They had two children:

- a. **Noma Louise Paddock**, born 16 September 1929 in Gloversville, Fulton Co., N.Y., died 6 January 2012 in Annandale, Fairfax County, V.A. She married **John Robert Strang** born 18 Feb 1925 in Munhall, P.A., died 4 June 2009, Annandale, Fairfax, V.A. They had three children, six grandchildren and one great grandchild.
- b. **Jeffrey Clayton Paddock** born 28 Oct 1939 Washington, D.C., died 2021 and married to Judith Kay Vanhorn. They had two children and have four grandchildren.

ii. **ELSIE MARIE DUNHAM**, born 7 December 1900, in Piseco, Hamilton Co., N.Y.;⁴⁵ died 17 November 1918 of influenza, in Piseco, Hamilton Co., N.Y.⁴⁶ No Children.

⁴² Form for the Solemnization of Matrimony with Certificate, Howard Samuel Paddock and Edna Marie Dunham, 26 December 1918, Gloversville, New York. Fred Decker, Clergyman, witnessed by Dorothy Paddock. Also, Marriage Announcement, by Mr. and Mrs. William Dunham, Edna M to Lieutenant Howard S. Paddock, Infantry, U.S.A., 26, December 1918, Gloversville, New York. Privately held by Joann Dunham, [ADDRESS FOR PRIVATE USE], 2008.

⁴³ Texas Department of State Health Services, Austin, Texas, death certificate 638, (1959), Howard Samuel Paddock; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://ancestry.com> : accessed 22 May 2020); citing Bureau of Vital Statistics, 1903-1982, image 450 of 1418. Also, *Find A Grave*, database with images (<http://www.findagrave.com> : accessed 22 May 2020), memorial 49345587, Howard Samuel Paddock (1895-1959), Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia. Also, U.S. Veterans Gravesites, ca. 1775-2006, Howard Samuel Paddock. Pictures of Headstone in files of researcher.

⁴⁴ Texas Department of State Health Services, Austin, Texas, death certificate 638, (1959), Howard Samuel Paddock; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://ancestry.com> : accessed 22 May 2020); citing Bureau of Vital Statistics, 1903-1982, image 450 of 1418.

⁴⁵ Edna (Dunham) Paddock, *It Seems Like A Dream*. 1996. Also, The NYS Birth and Death indexes indicated that there were certificates for both. The researcher had requested these from the NYS Dept of Health, however due to Covid-19 there has been a delay by DOH to locate and confirm.

⁴⁶ *Ibid*.

iii. **FRANCIS CHARLOTTE DUNHAM**, born 10 September 1902, in Piseco, Hamilton Co., N.Y.;⁴⁷ died March 1983 in Speculator, Hamilton Co., N.Y.⁴⁸ She married **LEANDER HAMILTON CHEQUER** 1 January 1930 in Hague, Warren Co., N.Y.⁴⁹ He was born 8 February 1905 in Northville,



Fulton Co., N.Y.;⁵⁰ died April 1988 in Speculator, Hamilton Co., N.Y.⁵¹ For many years Frances and Hamilton were the owners and proprietors of Melody Lodge, in Speculator, NY. They had two children:

a. **Joanne 'Joby' Dunham Chequer**, born 16 November 1930 in Utica, N.Y., died 8 April 2022, Montana. She married **John Anthony Pfaff** 25 September 1954, Lake Pleasant, Hamilton Co., NY. He was born 12 May 1927 in Weehawken, Hudson Co., New Jersey and died 26 February 2017 in Princeton, IL. They had five children and two grandchildren.

i. **Sophia Pfaff** born and died in 1956, Piseco, Hamilton Co., NY.

ii. **Julia Pfaff** born and died in 1957, Piseco, Hamilton Co., NY.

iii. **Living**

1. **Living**

2. **Living**

iv. **Living**

v. **Living**

b. **John Hamilton Chequer**, born 19 May 1935 in Piseco, Hamilton County, NY. He married **Nan Guthrie Budde** 30 May 1962 in Teaneck Township, Bergen County, New Jersey. They have three children and four grandchildren.

iv. **LEWIS CLAYTON² DUNHAM**, born 3 August 1906, in Piseco, Hamilton Co., N.Y.;⁵² died 13 June 1971 in Frankfort, Herkimer Co., N.Y.⁵³ He married **ROSALIE IRENE JUDWAY** 30 April 1927 in

⁴⁷ Edna (Dunham) Paddock, *It Seems Like A Dream*. 1996. Also, Frances Chequer, SS no. 118-26-8920, birth: 10 September 1902, Social Security Death Index.

⁴⁸ Ibid.

⁴⁹ Marriage certificate number 30, Francis Charlotte Dunham and L. Hamilton Chequer, 1 January 1930; photo taken at Piseco Town Hall, Piseco, Hamilton Co., N.Y. Image privately held by Dunham, [ADDRESS FOR PRIVATE USE], 2008.

⁵⁰ Edna (Dunham) Paddock, *It Seems Like A Dream*. 1996. Also, L.H. Chequer, SS no. 061-18-1175, birth: 8 February 1905, Social Security Death Index.

⁵¹ Ibid.

⁵² Edna (Dunham) Paddock, *It Seems Like A Dream*. 1996. Also, *Find A Grave*, database with images (<http://www.findagrave.com> : accessed 22 May 2020), memorial 46416350, Lewis Clayton Dunham (1906-1971), Higgins Bay Cemetery, Piseco, Hamilton County, New York.

⁵³ Ibid.

Wells, Hamilton Co., N.Y.⁵⁴ She was born 18 June 1908 in Piseco, Hamilton Co., N.Y.;⁵⁵ died 17 April 1985 in Saratoga Springs, Saratoga Co., N.Y.⁵⁶ They had two children:

- a. **Jean Charlene Dunham**, born 28 Nov 1928 in Piseco, Hamilton Co., N.Y., died 27 Sept. 2012 in Oneonta, NY. She married **Richard Leland Collins** 15 July 1950 in Glen Cove, NY. He died 14 July 2018 in Oneonta, NY. They had two children, two grandchildren and one great grandchild:
 - i. **Living**
 1. **Living**
 - ii. **Janine Lynn Collins**
 1. **Living**
 - a. **Living**
- b. **James Clayton¹⁰ Dunham**, born 26 January 1932, Piseco, Hamilton Co., NY and died 5 August 1992, Tucson, Pima County, AZ. He married **Mary Jane Whitacre** 22 April 1961 in New Berlin, Chenango, NY. She was born 17 Nov. 1936 in New Berlin, Chenango, NY and they had two children and two grandchildren.
 - i. **Joann Sue¹¹ Dunham**
 - ii. **Living**
 1. **Living**
 2. **Living**

v. **MARTHA EMILY DUNHAM**, born 5 June 1909 in Piseco, Hamilton Co., N.Y.;⁵⁷ died 23 June 1958 in Multnomah Co., Ore.⁵⁸ She married **Clifford Jennings Lamkey** 5 June 1930 in Wells, Hamilton Co., N.Y.⁵⁹ He was born 27 March 1906 in Rudeston, Fulton Co., N.Y.;⁶⁰ died 27 April 1976 in Jefferson Co., Wash.⁶¹ No children.

⁵⁴ Ibid.

⁵⁵ Edna (Dunham) Paddock, *It Seems Like A Dream*. 1996. Also, *Find A Grave*, database with images (<http://www.findagrave.com> : accessed 22 May 2020), memorial 46416516, Rosalie Judway Dunham (1908-1995), Higgins Bay Cemetery, Piseco, Hamilton County, New York. Also, Higgins Bay Cemetery (Arietta, Hamilton County, New York), Rosalie Judway Dunham marker, section D; personally read, 2008.

⁵⁶ Ibid.

⁵⁷ New York State Department of Health, Certificate and Record of Birth, certificate number 25615, Martha Dunham, 5 June 1909, Piseco, Hamilton County, New York State Department of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics. Certified photostatic record in researcher's files.

⁵⁸ Edna (Dunham) Paddock, *It Seems Like A Dream*. 1996. Also, *Find A Grave*, database with images (<http://www.findagrave.com> : accessed 22 May 2020), memorial 95240955, Martha D Lamkey (1909-1958), Skyline Memorial Gardens, Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon; photograph of headstone added by AncestralFootprints.

⁵⁹ Marriage certificate number 32, Martha E. Dunham and Clifton J. Lamkey, 5 June 1930; photo taken at Piseco Town Hall, Piseco, Hamilton Co., N.Y. Image privately held by Dunham, [ADDRESS FOR PRIVATE USE], 2008.

⁶⁰ Edna (Dunham) Paddock, *It Seems Like A Dream*. 1996. Also, New York State, Birth Index, 1881-1942, certificate number 12943, Lamkey, 27 March 1906, Rudeston, New York, New York State Department of Health, Albany, New York; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://ancestry.com/> : accessed 24 May 2020); image 528 of 1050.

⁶¹ Edna (Dunham) Paddock, *It Seems Like A Dream*. 1996. Also, *Find A Grave*, database with images (<http://www.findagrave.com> : accessed 22 May 2020), memorial 95240921, Clifton J Lamkey (1906-1976), Skyline Memorial Gardens, Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon; photograph of headstone added by AncestralFootprints.

vi. **WILLIAM DAVID DUNHAM JR.**, born 30 August 1918 in Piseco, Hamilton Co, N.Y.;⁶² died 8 May 1987 in Lake Pleasant, Hamilton Co., New York.⁶³ He married **JUNE ALMEDIA CLOTHIER** 17 November 1945 in Lake Pleasant, Hamilton Co., N.Y.⁶⁴ She was born 25 June 1923 in Speculator, Hamilton Co., N.Y.;⁶⁵ died 15 April 1978 in Piseco, Hamilton Co., N.Y.⁶⁶ They had two children, two grandchildren and four great grandchildren:

- a. **Gerald David Dunham**, born 20 August 1946, Piseco, Hamilton, NY, died 27 December 2008 in Gloversville, NY. No Children.
- b. **Paul Lewis Dunham**. Married to **Linda Douglas**, born 1 November 1950, Hillsdale, Bergen, New Jersey, died 21 October 2004, Indian Lake, Hamilton County, NY.
 1. Living
 - a. Living
 - b. Living
 2. Living
 - a. Living
 - b. Living

Four Generations of Dunhams in Piseco, Hamilton County, New York 1928

From the Joann Dunham Photo Collection

Top: Cyrus Graves⁷ Dunham and Sarah Jane Brown
Middle: Charlotte Emily Abrams and William David⁸ Dunham
Bottom: Lewis Clayton⁹ Dunham and Rosalie Irene Judway, with Jean Charlene Dunham¹⁰



⁶² "William Dunham," obituary, *Hamilton County (New York) News*, 20 May 1987, p. 11, last column. Also, *Find A Grave*, database with images (<http://www.findagrave.com> : accessed 22 May 2020), memorial 50045901, William D. Dunham (1918-1987), Higgins Bay Cemetery, Piseco, Hamilton, New York. Also, Higgins Bay Cemetery (Arietta, Hamilton County, New York), William D. Dunham marker, section D; personally read, 2008.

⁶³ Ibid.

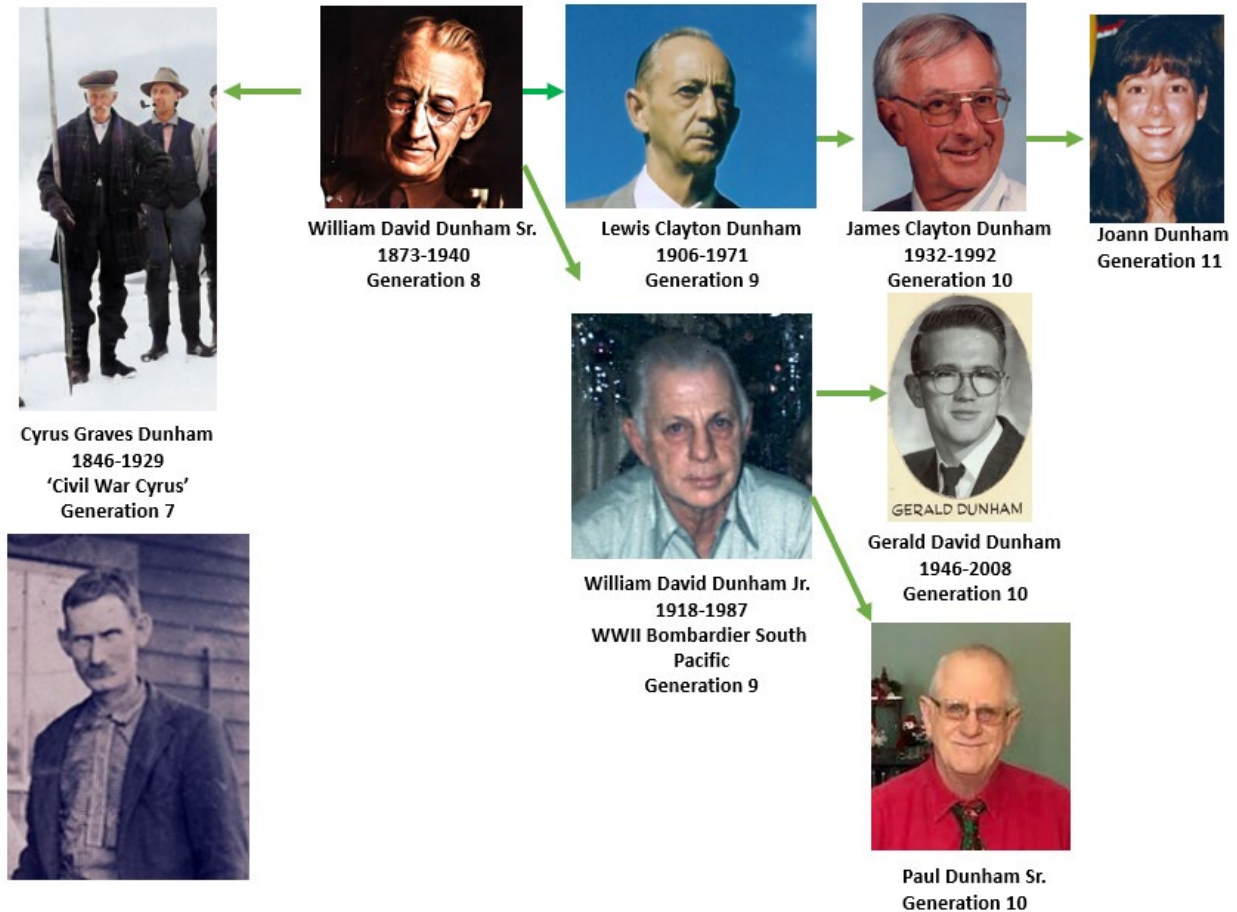
⁶⁴ "William Dunham," *Hamilton County News*, 20 May 1987.

⁶⁵ Higgins Bay Cemetery (Arietta, Hamilton County, New York), June Almedia Dunham marker, section D; personally read, 2008.

⁶⁶ "William Dunham," *Hamilton County News*, 20 May 1987. Also, Higgins Bay Cemetery (Arietta, Hamilton County, New York), June Almedia Dunham marker, section D; personally read, 2008.

Some Fun Facts – Facial Similarities

Facial Similarities through the generations. The ears have it.



Musical Facts

Our family was full of musicians. It started with my 2x Great Grandparents, **Floyd Welcome Abrams** who played the fiddle. I have inherited this beautiful instrument and refurbished it to its original state. It was handed down to me in a hand carved box which looked to me like a small coffin. And after seeing that, I also inherited the violin of my grandfather **Lewis Clayton⁹ Dunham**, which also came in a hand carved wooden box looking like his grandfather's container. Lewis' violin was played so often and so rigorously that his finger impressions can be seen on the fingerboard.

Lewis' sister Edna played the mandolin. I suspect many of the family did, as I inherited a beautiful instrument found in the attic of my grandparent's home in Piseco. I do not know whose it was, but I restored that as well.

My father **James Clayton¹⁰ Dunham** was a self-taught musician on keyboards, recorder and the ukulele. My father and his cousins went to all the square dances they could where his parents

Lewis on violin, and **Rosalie Judway Dunham** on piano, played in a small band. My father was also singer with the Burnt Hills Oratorio Society where he was frequently featured as the bass soloist, and similarly with the church choir at the Burnt Hills United Methodist Church, in Burnt Hills, Saratoga County, NY.

Why did I inherit the many instruments in our family? Well, I have a degree in Music and grew up playing the Pipe Organ and Cello. Researching our family, I also discovered that Edna's grandson plays the Pipe Organ. Funny how the genes get passed and the instruments are selected.

I hope to hear stories of shared family interests from our readership as well!

1950 US Census

By James A. Streeter

After waiting for the past 10 years, access to the 1950 United States Census it is finally available. The images are now in the process of being indexed but you can look at the images of the actual 1950 census records.

Ancestry has available on their website the complete set of the 1950 census images by State and a 1950 Census district finder set of Maps to locate the Enumeration District Number. You need to first find the District Number by entering the Town, County and State. Then with the District number you go to the Special Record Collections and enter the State, County, Town and select the district to view the images. You will then need to scan thru the images to find the person you are looking for. Both the 1950 Census district finder and the Special Record Collections, U.S. Census Records, 1950 were found on Ancestry's front page.

I was able to locate myself and parents in New York along with both sets of grandparents in New Hampshire and will search for other family members soon. I was able to save a copy of the complete image page to my computer so to review in the future. Note: The Enumeration page number and the image number will be different.

Now I am waiting for the indexing to be completed so I can locate people that I do not have a known residence for in 1950.

I also looked at the Family Search website, and they also had the ED's listed and images of the census available. Note: Their ED table is not sorted by ED number or by the Town Name, so you need to look around to find all the ED's for a town. My Heritage also is in the process of preparing an index and has several states completed.

Ancestry, Family Search and My Heritage have indicated that they plan to have all the 1950 Census images indexed by the summer of 2022.

What's New on the Dunham Website

by James A. Streeter

The extension of the Dunham line of Michael K. Flynn from 350.

Shubael 5 Dunham (Cornelius 4, Jonathan 3, 2, Deacon John 1 Dunham), has been added to Shubael's page. This brings this line of descendants from the 5th Generation to the 12th (Michael K. Flynn and others.) Some additional research needs to be completed on other lines than Michaels. Complete families with the references were added.

A new section is being developed that will contain Photographs of Dunham Descendants. This may be extended to include Dunham Residences and artifacts.

HELP NEEDED!

We are looking for some help to review Dunham lines found in the DSFC Newsletters and prepare them to be added into the Dunham Families in America collection. If you have questions about what is involved or if you can help, please contact James A. Streeter - james8313@sti.net.