

Researching Together

Seriously Eye Opening, Energizing and Applicable
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Welcome to the ten brave souls who spent several hours, days or weeks of their time assembling their brick wall problems in hopes that the minds of the many might find ways through, over, under or around these difficulties. Circle the first family you hope we will cover today.

No. 1 Possibly of Scottish roots, Ransom Lockamy was born about 1800 and died in 1870 in Sampson County, North Carolina. Goal to find his father.

The surname Lockamy was found spelled Lockerman, Lockerman, and Lockermys, Locomas. In other words this is a typical southern problem. Pronunciation, naming patterns, and phonetics is a big part of research. Good observation of how names for all potential relatives in an area appeared to be spelled the same in different years. Unique that one son Lovett James Lockamay was born in Pitt County, NC about 60 miles from Sampson. Could a relative have died there so the pregnant mother travel there, but then her son was born. A study of land and property records do not seem to have been made for James who you thought might be the father. Since there are so many good land transcriptions books for the area of NC you are researching, these might help solve your problem. Does appear you are searching surrounding counties. Am I correct in assuming With the exception of Dennis, all of the above names were picked because of the age of their sons in 1810. You have made a good start. Are you aware of the Loyalists in the area of in which your family lived during the Rev War? Consider following up the Loyalist of America.

No. 2 Of African-American beginnings Arthur Johnson born 1849 in Louisiana of Virginia parents, and Sarah Ann Allen born 1854 in Mississippi of North Carolinian parents married in Clarke County, Mississippi where they raised thirteen children. Goal to find parents for Arthur and Sarah Ann.

1869 Map of Lauderdale where the couple married soon after their marriage is next door to Clark County, Mississippi. Study the history in 1849 time period in LA (Arthurs side). Sarahs side is more likely to be found in MS. Find on 1900 Census since Sarah lived to 1904. Before submitting a family group record be sure to put the children in chronological order add notes under each child. The child 5 Thomas Johnson possibly the same as child 4 Charlie Johnson? Have you joined a ethic society focused on Mississippi who might have historical background regarding transporting VA slaves to Louisiana. Excellent one is Oakland, California shared in Webinar.

No. 3 From Illinois and Colorado, grandmother Laura Cameron met and married Alexander Mathias Liblin (Liebelin) born 1844 in Chaux (Belfort) France. He called her Lorrie and she gave him:

1) George Martin Liblin b 10 May 1885 b Illinois d. 1961 Greeley, Weld Co., Colorado

- 2) Benjamin Liblin b 1889-1891 likely IL died as a child.
- 3) Julia Liblin b 4 Jul 1886 Fairfield, Illinois d 27 Dec 1935 San Bernardino, California
- 4) Richard Mayberry Liblin b 9 Apr 1889 Denver, Colorado d. 7 May 1966 Soda Springs, Caribou Co., Idaho.
- 5) Mamie "Marie" Liblin b 8 Sep 1892, Colorado d 9 Aug 1963 Greeley, Weld, Colorado. She married Lloyd Melvin Hademan 22 Jun 1929 Boulder, Boulder Co., Colorado.

Prior to her marriage to Alexander Liblin, Laura had a son:

Lewis Cameron (age unknown).

Laura married a Mr. Gahn and by him had:

- 1) Maudine (Maude) Gahn (1901-)
- 2) Fred Joseph Gahn (1899-1979)

Researcher does not have a complete name, birth date or place, death date or place for Laura and would like to know more about her. Her children on various records have stated she was born in Georgia, Ireland, North Carolina,

How was it known her maiden name was Sullivan if she was never found on a record? Would like to see that document! When you cannot find someone in existing records, likely the cause is 1) person has others names of which you are unaware; 2) person is in an unknown place; 3) you have followed the wrong clue. Started with the later records because they usually contain more information. Searched for all Gahn, Ghan, Gahan surnamed individuals. Found Maude Gahn and Freddie Gahn on the 1910 Federal Census in an orphanage in Pueblo, Colorado.

While looking for City Directories at Ancestry.com, found Agnes Maude Gahn with same birth date as your records an Ancestry public tree married to Benjamin Franklin Ball living in Colorado. Later found her buried in a national cemetery wife of Frank Ball. Finally followed Agnes M. Ball and her brother linked to John Ghan born 1870 in Nebraska, died in 1904 in Colorado. So this was her last husband's given name. Should locate them on the 1900 census now it is known John and Laura were alive that long. Freddie should be with them. Found John Gahn in the 1893 Colorado, Pueblo Directory when he lived at 627 W. 8th, working for Pueblo Gas and Electric Light Co.

Found a Kate Gahn (wid of John) res cor Francisco and Martin and a Mary Gahn a laundress at St. Mary's Hospital in 1899 in the Pueblo, Colorado Directory. Located a Kate Gahn head of household on the 1900 census. She appears to be the one named as a widow to John Gahn in the city directory. She was born May 1846, age 54, widowed, mother of 6, 6 living, She and her parents and two children were all born in Germany. They immigrated in 1874. With such an unusual name this family should be followed to see in the children from the orphanage every come in contact with them. Finally we found Gahn, Laura (wid John), res 1212 Brown Av. In the 1906 Pueblo City Directory. No one else spelled that way but Mary F. Gant and Myrle E. Gant boarding at 53 Block F. in 1906. In 1919 found Maude Gahn Student, rms 1410 E. 6th. Found a marriage record for Adam Gahn and Eva L. Rector. Adam stated he lived at 281 Green St. Columbus, Ohio, born in Germany, a decorator, son of John Gahn and Katherine Dernasdorf. This researcher also sent along a beautiful image of Laura and Alexander Liblin. So, John Gahn was the father of Maude and Joseph. Now that the search time for Laura Sullivan Cameron Liblin Gahn has been found, it appears since her two youngest children were placed in an orphanage that John died in 1904 in Colorado, his wife was alive in 1906, but by 1910 the children are in the orphanage.

No. 4 From New Jersey and Italy. Research wants to find the locality in Italy for her maternal grandparents: Raffaele (Ralph) Sangiovanni b 12 Sep 1874 and Clotilde (Clara Bianco) b 25 Mar 1879. Ralph died in 1924 in New Jersey, and Clara died 1941 in New Jersey, both buried in East Orange Co.

More than 10 million people came during this time being driven by problems in their home countries, better transportation, and the attraction of land and opportunities in the USA. Looked up the 1920 census as shown in the slide show. Raffaele is now going by his American name Ralph and the surname is San Giovanni. He was listed with his wife Clara and children. This listed when he immigrated and that he was naturalized within four years, so the naturalization papers should be in New Jersey or New York. If the researcher has that it would be nice to see the copy for any evidence available.

No. 5 From Nebraska, Ohio, and Germany, researcher is looking for David Bachler and his wife Mary Eva Busch, both native speakers of German, married 1842 in Coshocton, Ohio, moved to NE Terr before 1860. Extensive research conducted on this family for the past several decades as research included research logs, and numerous compiled genealogies are found online. But no one has been able to go beyond Bavaria, Germany as his place of birth. Should study and descendant research to help you.

Have you searched Canadian records in the 1840s for this family? Many traveled with German protestant families to Canada and then immigrated into the U.S. Between 1820 and 1860 Canada and New England received the biggest portion of immigrants. Around 5 to 6 million came to North America and many crossed the border from Canada without need of a passport. Need to know all the immigrants in a family. Often the family's origins may be recorded for one individual in the entire family so it is important to study the complete family. This family has been researched several times and is found in the genealogies at FamilySearch.org and there was a note from the researcher that this name is spelled many different ways. The listing of societies at www.fgs.org or use a search engine like Google and ask for "Ethnic Bavarian Genealogy Societies." Then try the same line but with Germany replacing Bavaria. One fast route for finding the homeland could be the land record. A land patent for a non-citizen required he apply for citizenship and his application where he listed his place of birth could be in the records of Bureau of land Management which had control of the records in this early time period. He also could have served in Civil War to get naturalization faster plus 160 acres of land? Be cautious about date of immigration as it could list from Canada to US rather than Germany to US.

No. 6 From New Jersey, Delaware, and Pennsylvania, three great grandfathers who have this researcher stumped: 1) Mr. Smith, 2) Charles Wells, 3) Thomas Bates all were married at one time to Mary E. Lippincott b Apr 1848 in New Jersey died 21 Sep 1929 in Cumberland Co., NJ daughter of Elwood Lippincott and Lydia Austin. She had four children from Mr. Wells:

- 1) Elwood L. Wells b 23 May 1878 Medford, Burlington Co., NJ.
- 2) Edward P. S. Wells b Feb 1884 New Jersey, d 26 Aug 1912, Burlington Co., NJ
- 3) Howard Rufus Wells b 25 Jun 1886 Sussex Co. Delaware, d 11 May 1976 Jefferson Parish, Louisiana
- 4) Harvey M. Wells b 28 Mar 1890 in Sussex Co., Delaware d. 10 Apr 1956 Cumberland Co., NJ

Mary E. Wells visited her parents in 1880 in Burlington Co., NJ and was listed as the mother of Anna Maud Smith age 5 as well as Elwood Wells, age 1. No Mr. Wells was present.

In April of 1893 Mary married Thomas Bates, in Glassboro, Gloucester Co., NJ. On the 1895 state census of New Jersey, Mary under the name of Bates, was in Lumberton, Bridgeton, Cumberland Co., NJ with her four Wells sons, and her children from the Smith marriage.

No. 7 From New Jersey and Ireland, the next researcher would like to find where and when Thomas Holleran b abt 1825-1830 Ireland, died? Thomas and future wife Margaret A Reilly sailed from Liverpool Spring 1850 arrived in NY Harbor New York 20 May 1850; married 1 Jan 1851 Jersey City, Hudson, NJ St Peters Roman Catholic Church. On 1860 Census Thomas, Margaret, and 4 children in Jersey City. Name variation is Holland. Their child had a godmother Bridgette Holleran. All children baptized in St. Peters. Thomas registered Civil War Hudson CO., NJ as Thomas Hallahan. 1 July 1863 last trace of Thomas, in 1866-67 directory Margaret is listed as widow of Thomas. She also found on the 1880 Census at Sheffield St. Margaret died 15 July 1882 and was buried at the Cemetery of the Holy Sepulcher, East Orange, Essex, NJ. See how close Delaware and Pennsylvania are to Hudson CO., NJ. This project would also be served well by a timeline of everybody in the family. Study the history of the Spring of 1850 when Thomas and Margaret left Ireland from Liverpool. Why from Liverpool? Have we found them on the 1841 Census in England? Why would they leave in the Spring of 1850?

No. 8 From the state of Maine, the next researcher would like to Verify if Abel Hovey is the son of Dr. Ivory Hovey. Abel Hovey born 1798/1800 Berwick, York, ME 160 mi. from Gouldsboro ME. Different people have linked him to Dr. Ivory and to Andrew Hovey.

Has a 1901 letter from N. A. Prentiss Wisconsin Stock Exchange Chicago IL. Writes at the suggestion of Wm G Hovey who resides in Milwaukee WS quote "My wife is daughter of Enoch Hovey of Mansfield CT. Born 18 Jan 1800, died 1877. I have traced her line back to Daniel Hovey of Ipswich 1637. Your nephew said his grandfather, Abel Hovey son of Dr. Ivory Hovey of Burwich ME surgeon and Rev War would like your evidence to print in our Hovey Book of Genealogy. Wife is only living child of family of 9 children and is 69 (born 1832)." The easiest way to check this out when you have two potential parents but you can't find anything on one of them is to look up Andrew and Elizabeth Hovey histories as part of a preliminary survey and see if it is possible if there is a probate listing Andrew as the father. We don't know the full name for Andrew or Ivory so either one of them could be the father. It appears the client has attempted to find Andrew and that he is not from Gouldsboro or York ME. Have you collaborated with Dale and Beverly (Pinkham) Griffin about their *Find a Grave* history with parents listed as Andrew and Elizabeth (Liswell) Hovey.

No. 9 From Georgia, Calvin Stephens was listed as the father on his daughter's death certificate. His wife was Adeline born in GA about 1841. Where was Calvin married? Extensively researched and detailed report accompanied this request.

Look at original spelling in Hall Co. GA in 1861. Discuss handwriting, nicknaming. Talk about the multiple given names. Without seeing the original documents I would be hesitant to say that he had it correct-ask if he has a copy. If other people have this complex of a problem that they submit a copy of the key documents in this case the 1861 Hall Co GA Marriage and the 1860 Census Hall Co GA.

No. 10 from North Carolina, Alabama, and Mississippi, William Larkin Chittom's parents are needed. Wm Chittom born 3 Nov 1837 NC, married 6 Nov 1860 AL, died 15 Oct 1896 Itawamba County, MS; Margaret his wife was born, 13 Apr 1843 AL, Died 2 June 1908 Prentiss Co. MS

Bible record of the daughter of Wm Larkin Chittom giving the birth, death, marriage dates. Cemetery record for the birth and death of Wm Larkin Margaret (Williams) Chittom. Searched 1850,60 NC Census no matches; search 1860 AL Census no matches; found 1870 Franklin Co. AL as Larkin Grisson; 1880 Census Itawamba Co. MS as Wm Chittom; 1900 found Margaret Chittom with son Noah P. Chittom no death certificates for either.