

# Doodsons in the USA

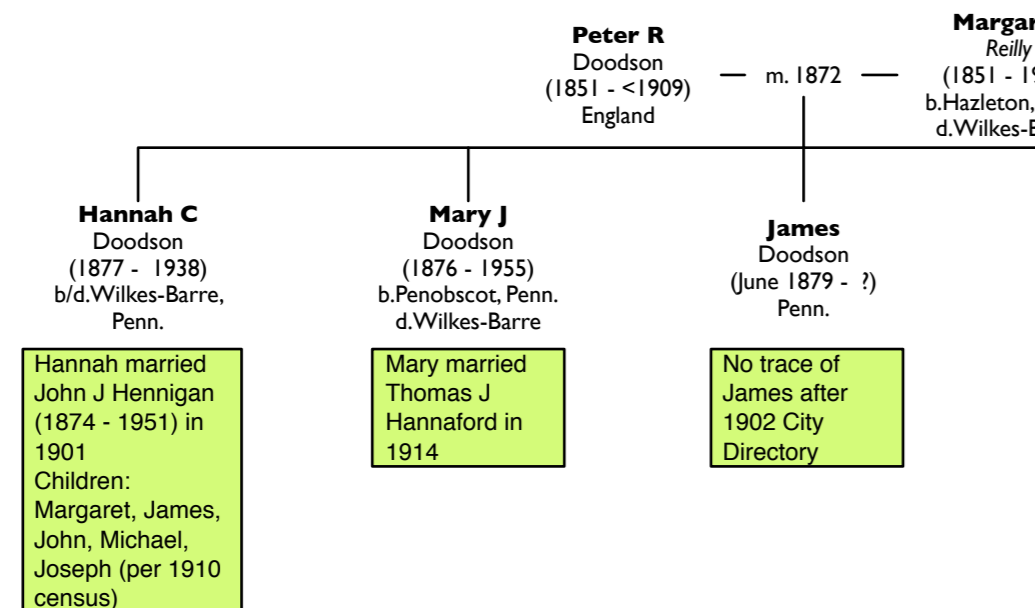
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From census, city directories, US social security and death records, and other historical record information  
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Key:  
Entries in **bold type** - given (Christian) names  
Entries in *italic type* - spouse surnames

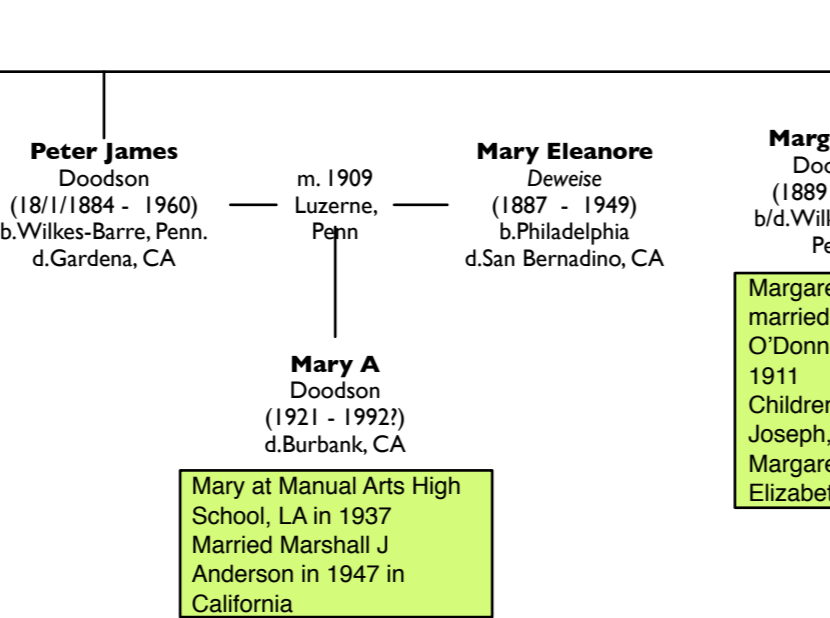
## Doodsons tracked back to other English trees

**Peter probably from Glossop Tree 4 - but no direct proof**  
(likely parents: Peter Doodson and Hannah Smith)

**Notes:**  
Peter - arrived in USA 1868 according to the 1880 census, but no trace found on immigration records  
**1880 census:** recorded as Dodson, 108 Kidder Street, Wilkes-Barre  
**1895 Wilkes-Barre City Directory** - Peter (labourer) and James (slate-picker) living at 132 Kidder Street, Mary living at 113 S. Franklin  
**1900 census** - Wilkes-Barre, Luzerne, PA. 168 Kidder Street. Margaret's parents shown as born in Ireland. Peter and James - coal miners. Hannah living in same house with husband John Hennigan,  
**1902 Wilkes-Barre City Directory** - Peter, James and Mary all at 168 Kidder Street  
**1910 census** - Wilks-Barre, Luzerne, PA. Francis shown as head of household, with Mary, Margaret and Isabelle. At Brunseau Street, Wilks-Barre. Hannah married to John Hennigan - also living in Wilks-Barre  
**1920 census:** Isabelle living with Margaret (husband (John O'Donald) and family at 259 Kidder Street, Wilks-Barre (near Luzerne). Francis boarding with William Daurand and family at Bertels Lane, Wilkes-Barre (near Luzerne)  
**1930 census:** Isabelle in Luzerne, PA, living with sister Mary. Hannah married (Henighan), Mary also married (Hannafor) - both still in Luzerne

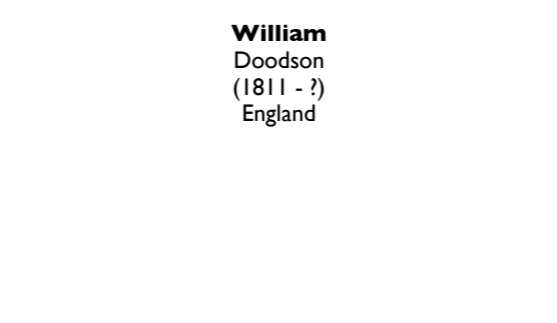


**Peter James and Mary**  
Note: Peter does not appear on the 1890 census for some reason, but he is definitely son of Peter and Margaret, as he appears at 168 Kidder Street in the 1905 and in 1909 City Directory at same address as Margaret (mother - widow), Mary and Margaret (sisters)  
**1900 census:** Peter was deaf, and attended the Pennsylvania School for the Deaf in Mt Airy, Penn. DOB recorded incorrectly as 1895  
**1909 marriage** - shows his birth date as 28/11/1884, Wilkes-Barre  
**1918** (Sept 1918) WW1 Draft Card lists Mary as wife and home as in Philadelphia, though Peter was listed in the LA city directory in 1914  
**1920 census:** Peter boarding in Philadelphia, Penn. Parents shown as born in England. Occupation - "box master" in factory  
LA voter lists and city directories: Peter J Doodson on voter list in LA, CA.  
**1930 census:** Mary in Norwalk State Hospital for the Insane, Los Angeles  
**1940 Census:** Mary in Patton State Hospital for the Insane, Highland, San Bernardino, California  
**1940 voter list:** "Miss Mary Doodson" on voter list in 1940 (and also on war service registration card in 1940, at same address as Peter)  
**1944 voter list:** Miss Mary (stenographer) and Peter (box maker) at 1179 W 39th Pl, LA  
**1916 - 1958** - referred to as "box maker" in directories.



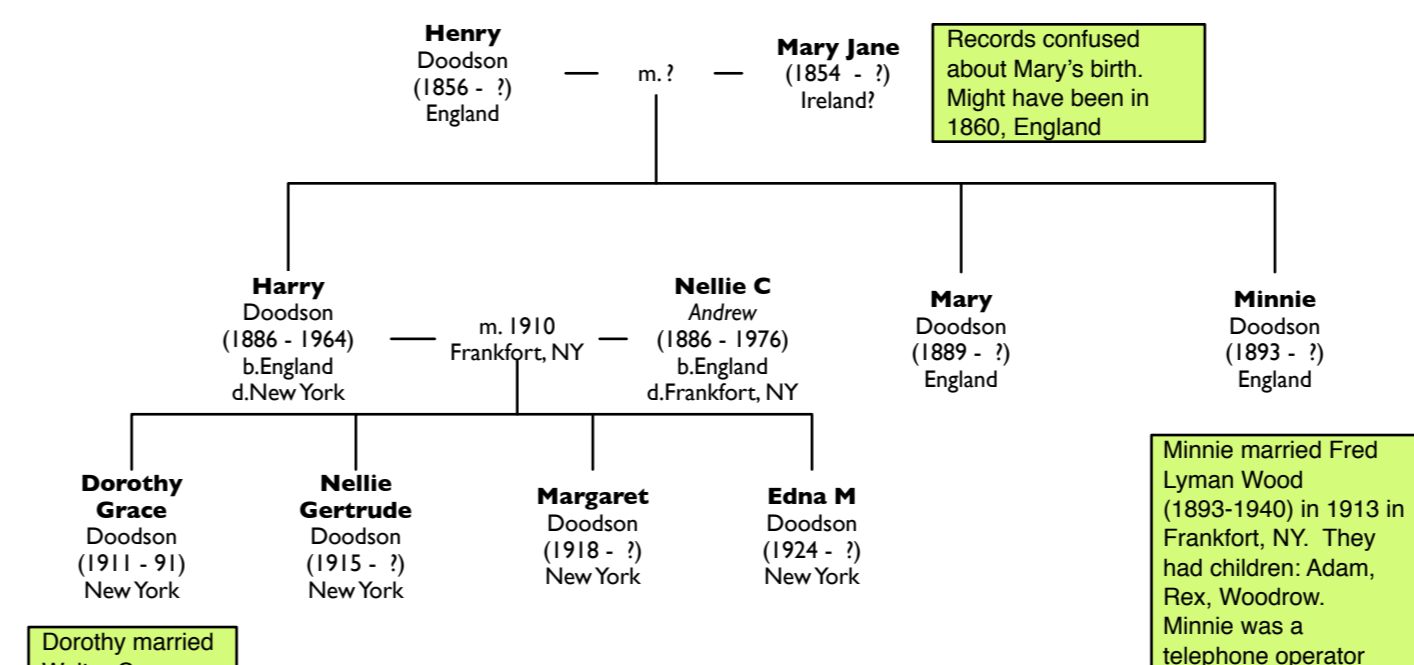
**William from "Old Bummy" tree**

**1880 census:** William at Whiteslow, Oneida, NY living with John and Rachel Thomason (both born in England). William - tailor  
arr. USA, NY 13/12/1879 "City of Berlin"  
John Thomason was William's sister Nancy's son (with Peter Thomason).  
William returned to the UK



**Henry, Mary, Harry and Mary from Reuben family tree**

**1910 census:** Henry and family in Lyons, Wayne, NY state. All recorded as arriving in USA in 1908. Henry and Harry - blacksmith, Mary senior - music teacher  
**1920 census:** Harry and family at 362 Reese Road, Frankfort. Harry immigration 1909. Nellie 1910. Both naturalised in 1919  
**1930 census:** Harry, Nellie and family at 510 Reese Road, Frankfort, Herkimer, New York state. Harry - machinist. Harry's mother (Mary J) given as being Irish.  
**1940 census:** not found



## Origins not yet identified

**1870:** Vinna (black) - living in Natchez, Missouri  
*No other trace of her before or after.*

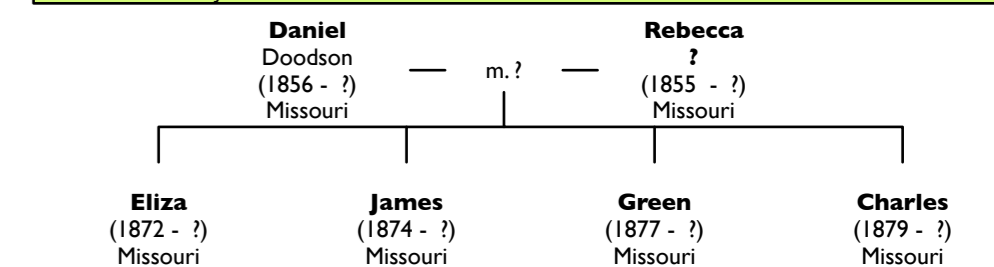
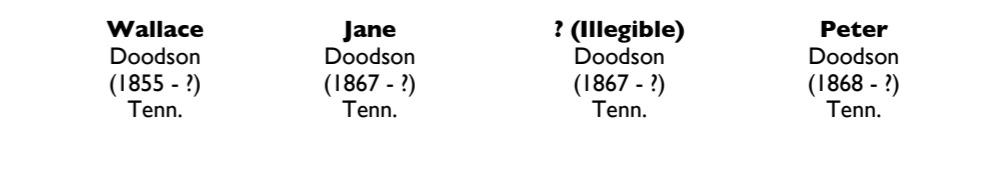
**1870:** Both Mary and Lizzie in St Louis Hotel, St Louis, MS, with Prussians, Swiss, Austrians etc  
*No other trace of either before or after.*

**1880 census:** John Doodson - occ. carpenter; lived in Hampstead, Queens, NY, in premises with dozens of carpenters, plasterers etc  
*No other trace of him before or after.*

**1900 census:** Venas in Warren, Tenn - boarder, farm labourer.  
*No other trace of her before or after.*

**1880 census:** Wallace (b1855), Jane (b1857), ? (b1867) and Peter (b1868) listed as stepchildren of Edmond and Susan Melton. Living in Fayette, Tennessee, and recorded as being born in Tennessee. All recorded as Black.  
*No other trace of them before or after.*

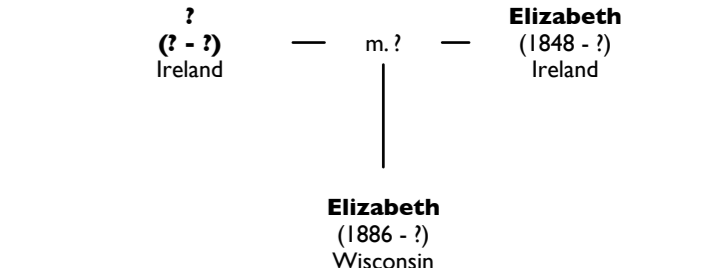
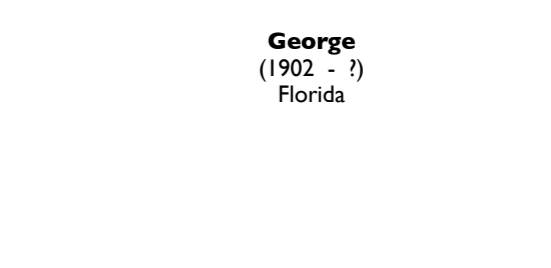
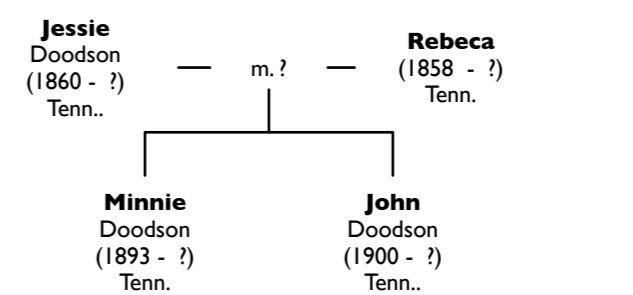
**1880 census:** Canaan, Gasconade, Missouri. Both Daniel and Rebecca's parents recorded as being born in Tennessee  
**1910** - recorded as Datson, Bourbois, Gasconade  
**1920** - recorded as Dotson, Bush Creek, Gasconade, Missouri  
**1930** - Bush Creek, Missouri  
Daniel's grave in Owensville, Gasconade County showed he was born 1851, died 1921 and was actually Daniel DOTSON



**1920 census:** Jessie and family living in Knox, Tennessee. Jessie and John - farmers. Both Jessie and Rebecca shown with parents born in Tennessee. But only recorded in 1920 as Doodson. Later as Dodson

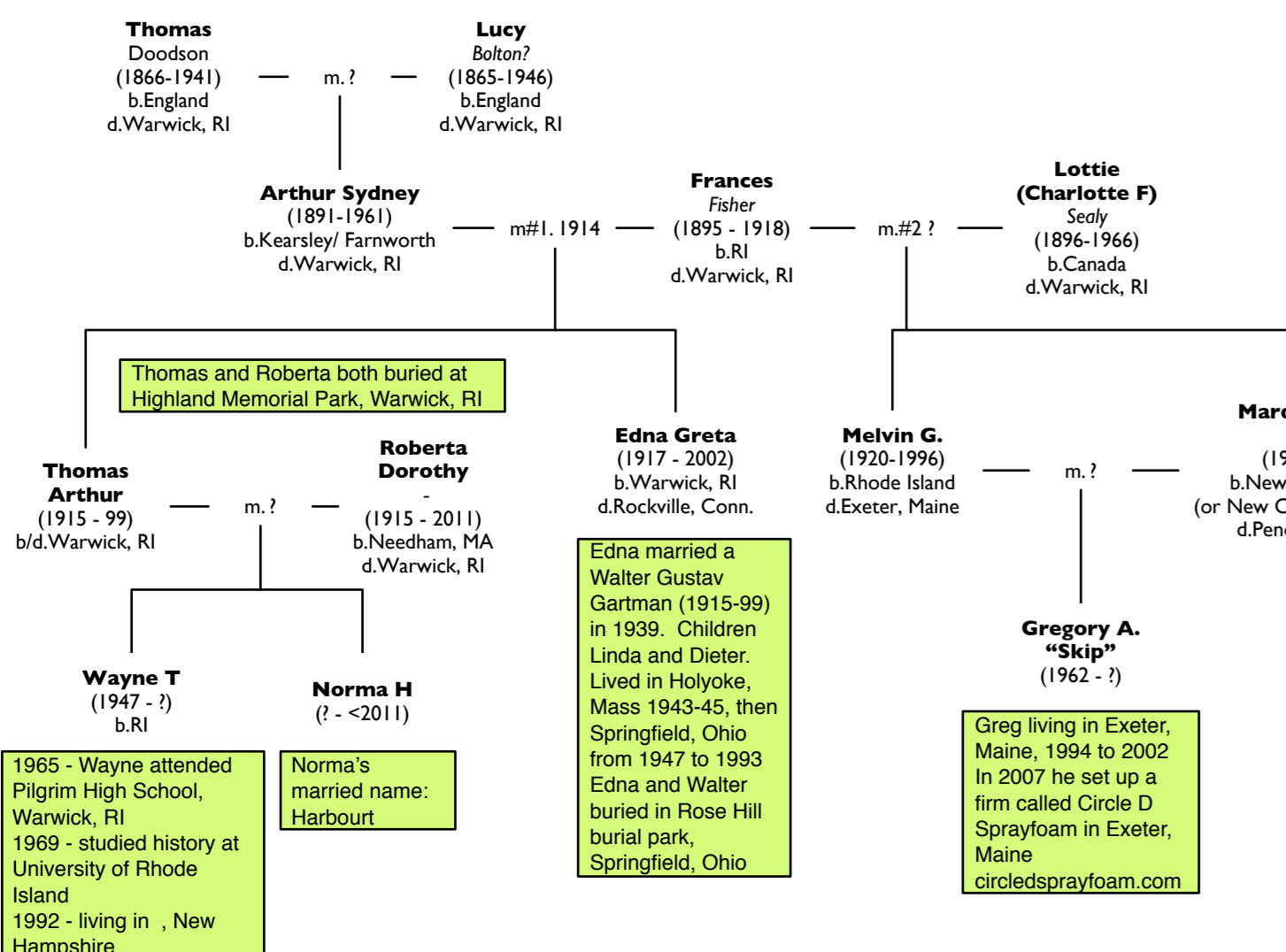
**1920 census:** George boarding at Bristol, Liberty County, Florida. Recorded as being black, farm labourer, both parents born in Florida.  
Likely to be Goodson, not Doodson  
*No other trace of him before or after.*

**1910 census:** Elizabeth (widow) and daughter Elizabeth living in Chapman Street, St Louis, Minnesota. Elizabeth senior's parents given as born in Ireland, she came to USA in 1851. Elizabeth junior - teacher in public school  
*No other trace of either before or after.*



**Thomas, Lucy, Arthur all from Kearsley/Australia tree**

Thomas first arrived in the US at Boston, Aug 1896, headed for Pawtucket, RI. Occ. Carter. Visiting Geo. Howarth  
**1896:** Lucy and Arthur arrived in the US at Boston (SS Pavonia) Nov 1896, headed for Providence, RI  
In 1899 Thomas, Lucy and Arthur came into the US accompanied by Henry Doodson (b1878, occ. Collier). Henry appears to be son of Henry and Betty Doodson  
**1904:** Thomas, Lucy and Arthur came into the US again, accompanied by "uncle" Robert Gould (b.1854 Kearsley). Thomas occ. Photographer. Headed for Dartmouth, RI  
**1920 census** - Arthur, Lottie, Thomas, Edna - Warwick, RI, Arthur occupation - polisher; Lottie arrived from Canada  
**1916:** Thomas and Lucy living next door on Ocapatussett Road, Warwick, RI, Thomas - carpenter  
**1930 census:** Thomas, Lucy and Arthur and Charlotte and family at 111 and 113 Cottage Street, Warwick, RI. Arthur - silversmith polisher.  
**1940 census:** Thomas and Lucy at 46 Cottage Street, Warwick, RI. Thomas - carpenter. Arthur, Charlotte, Thomas, Melvin and Shirley all at 44 Cottage Street. Arthur - school janitor. Melvin - jewellery polisher. Same address in 1935  
Melvin enlisted for US forces Aug 1942  
Death dates for Thomas, Lucy, Arthur, Lottie from RI Historical Cemeteries records (and Findagrave.com), Melvin death date from veterans war graves



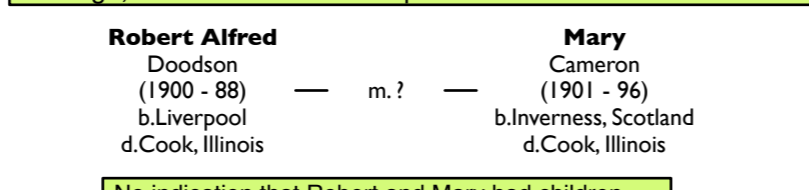
**Sarah from Bolton 1911 tree**

**Sarah Ann** (1861 - ?) b.Kearsley d.Pennsylvania, USA  
Sarah Ann married John Richard Grundy (b.1858) in 1879 in Bolton and they both emigrated to the USA. John in 1879, Sarah in 1880.  
1880 US census: Sarah and John in Philadelphia  
1930 US census: still in Philadelphia  
They had children James, Frank, Elsie M



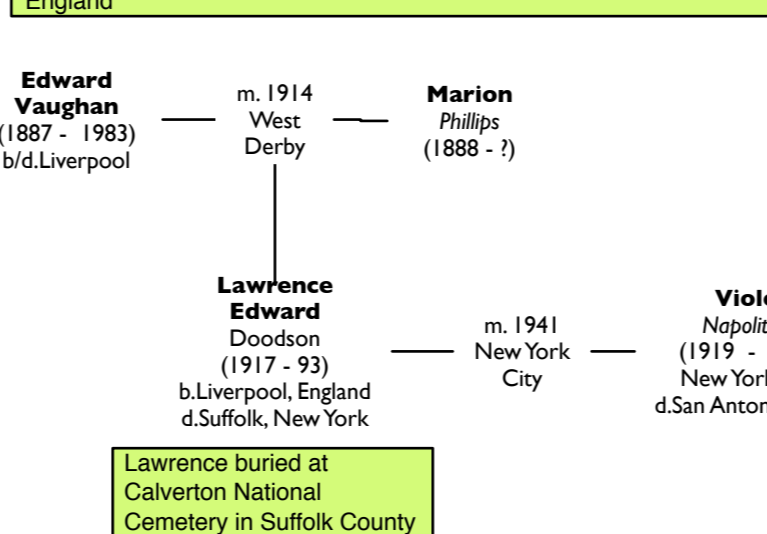
**Robert from Toxteth Park tree**  
(parents - Henry and Elizabeth Doodson)

**1923** - immigration at Boston - Robert Alfred Doodson on ship SS Samaria from Liverpool. Mother's UK address given as 2 Briar Street, Kirkdale, Liverpool. His intended destination was Chicago (friend's name given as H G Coxhead).  
Robert naturalised US citizen in June 1929.  
**1940 Census:** Robert and Mary at 1735 West 65 Street, Chicago, Ill. Robert - machine operator. Same address in 1935.



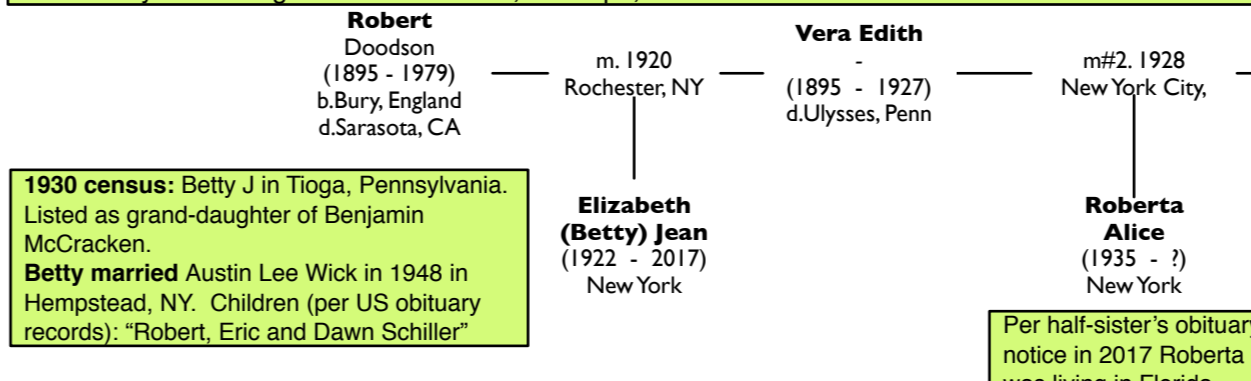
**Edward, Marion and Lawrence from Liverpool tree**

Edward and family emigrated to USA in 1930 on ship Andania  
Note that Lawrence was registered as Edward Lawrence  
Edward V returned to England. Living at Kebie Drive in 1939 through 1950, Pinehurst Drive 1955 through 1970  
Edward V remarried in 1951 to Nora McNeill (b.1907) in Liverpool, England



**Robert from Bury 1911 # 2?**  
(parents - Samuel and Mary)

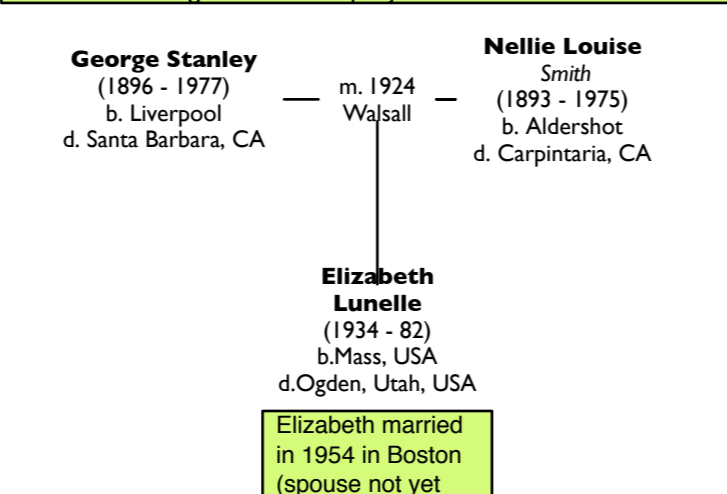
**Robert's parents named as Samuel Doodson and Mary Johnson in both his marriage records**  
**1920 census:** Robert boarding at North Goodman Street, Rochester with William Horrocks and family. Robert immigration 1914. Occupation "soderer"?  
**1925 New York census:** Robert and Vera #1 at Parselles Avenue, Rochester, NY, with Betty Jeanne  
**1930 census:** Robert (record looks like "Rabah" or possibly "Ralph" and Vera at 718 Cedarwood Terrace, Rochester City, New York state (near Lake Ontario). Robert - artist, Vera - nurse. Robert became US citizen in 1914  
**1930 census:** Betty Jean at Mildorf Street, Rochester (just round the corner from Robert and Vera).  
**1935:** Robert listed as "artist" in Rochester directory, living at 718 Cedarwood Terrace  
**1940 census** (transcribed as Dordson) Robert, Betty, Vera and Roberta living at 58 Devon Road, Rochester, with Vera's mother Alice Litzendorf  
**1940:** Betty Jean at Genesee State Normal School, NY  
**1957 city directory:** Robert (artist) and Leona V, along with Roberta A (student) living at 58 Devon Road, Rochester. In 1959 directory Roberta listed as teacher.  
**1995:** Betty Jean living at 360 S Mobile St, Fairhope, AL



**1930 census:** Betty J in Tioga, Pennsylvania. Listed as grand-daughter of Benjamin McCracken.  
**Betty married** Austin Lee Wick in 1948 in Hempstead, NY. Children (per US obituary records): "Robert, Eric and Dawn Schiller"

**George and Nellie from Liverpool tree**  
(parents George and Louise Susan)

**George and Nellie arrived in the USA in 1926**, and naturalised as US citizens in December 1926. Last place in UK lived was Birmingham.  
**1930 census:** George S and Nellie living at 226 Warren Street, Boston, Mass. Listed as married in 1925, and having gained US citizenship in 1926. Both listed as being book-keepers  
**1940 Census:** George and family lodging at 102 Richmond Street, Boston, Mass. Same address in 1935. George - clerical for bridge and roads project.



**John from Werneth tree**

**1920 census:** John, Selina and John at Ash Street, Fall River  
**1930 census:** John and family at Bristol, Mass  
**1940 Census:** John, Selina and family at 895 Bay Street, Fall River, Bristol, Mass. John snr - Construction worker. John jr - Machinist. Same address in 1935

