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My interest in my paternal grandfather, Charles Albert King increased over the years with the object of learning more about my father and ancestry. I often wondered why my father, Francis (Frank) J. King never had any tales to tell about himself growing up with his two younger brothers. The only story he told was that grandfather was a baker and that father had to deliver bread daily, before school to the stores, schools, parsonage and convent. My younger brother, sister and I knew that grandfather was from England but we never knew what part of England: we knew that he died before we three were born without any ideas as to where he died or where he was buried. I first focused my research about father and grandfather in Marine City, Michigan St.Clair County. I obtained a Baptismal Record from the Detroit Michigan Public Library with dad's god-parents names recorded. I used the internet message boards to search for descendants of his god-parents and one of their descendants contacted me. The next steps were to obtain the Federal Census for the years 1900-1920 (the entire 1890 census burned in the Northeastern section of the United States) preceded the review of the Business and Residential County and City Directories for said county, plus Detroit, Michigan, Wayne County.

Locating the grandfather we never knew was not easy but I thought rather unique in that I found where he was born in England by a photograph from my father's small box of "treasures".

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"Wesleyan Infant School - Ashton"

I removed the picture, looked at it daily, talked to myself about one little boy in the picture, telling myself that my younger brother Louis looked like the little boy in the group picture: that picture had to be one hundred-fifty to two-hundred years old based on the year grandfather was born and our great-grandfather. That idea, plus a little girl in the front row held a sign that read "Wesleyan Infant School - Ashton".

I placed a very, very vague message on the internet message boards asking, "Where is Ashton in England"? Many kind souls responded giving me several places...one suggested that I try an area that led me to Leicestershire.

I may never know if the little boy in the picture is my grandfather or great-grandfather but if not one of them, why would it have been amongst my father's "souvenirs"? In the picture above, is the young lad whose hair swoops downward in the third row, second child in from left edge of picture.



My brother Louis Charles King who to me resembles the little boy in the picture above. This picture taken about 1939.

My Great Great Grandfather George King & Family

My Great Great Grandfather, George King married Mary (nee Almond) 08 December 1788 St. Andrew's Church in Chapel, Great Easton, Leicestershire by Banns. (1) George was born in 1766 and Mary was born 1767. George died 05 March 1846 and Mary was buried 17 Oct 1835 (2). Very little is known about him or any of his siblings, if he had any, other than he died of "Old Age" at age 85. Mary preceded George in death by eleven years. Below is ordinal rank of their children's birth.

1. Hannah born 03 February 1790, baptized 8 Feb 1790, married George Brown 24 November 1815 (3).
2. Mary born 30 November 1797 married Robert Blount, Sr. 08 December 1817 at St. Andrew Gt. Easton, Leicester. They had eleven children ages 18 through 1843. Mary King was witness to her sister Hannah King's marriage 24 Nov 1815. Mary and Robert Blount stayed in Leicester (4).
3. My g-grandfather, Swithin George was born 18 July and baptized 20 July 1801 (5). The History in to follow in subsequent headings regarding his two marriages and children from each.

4. Ann (infant) born 24 December 1803 was baptized 28 December and buried 06 January 1804. The cause of her death is unknown (6).
5. Thomas George born 18 March 1807 baptized 20 March was buried the 18 January 1858 in Gt. Easton Churchyard."We think that he married Sophia Adkins about 1838 *per Chris Jones but no records found yet*" (7).

Footnotes

1. *Marriage Banns Record DE 1166/4 GRO Gt. Easton. George King & Mary Almond*
2. *George died 05 March 1846, Burial Record GRO DE 2566/9; and Mary Almond King buried 17 Oct 1835 IGI Batch #M059762.*
3. *Marriage Record Transcribed IGI Batch# M059762.* A volunteer of Random Acts of Genealogical Kindness (RAOGK) NZ .IGI film # 05927035 regards Hannah
4. Source: Courtesy of Chris Jones 27 June 2009 regarding Mary King & Robert Blount
5. (Ref HO 107/869/8 *Baptism Record DE1166/3 Great Easton*). "*King, Swithin George, s/o George & Mary Almond Baptized 1801 July 20, bn.18 July 1801*".Source: Chris Jones 27 June 2009 email)
6. *Ann King's Church Burial Record (ref IGI Film 0592703).*
7. Thomas George born 18 March 1807 baptized 20 March was buried the 18 January 1858 in Gt. Easton Churchyard. (Ref. from *LDS Film # 0592703 Baptismal Record Easton Magna.*

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Great Grandfather Swithin George King and His First Family

Swithin George King married Charlotte (nee Bates) 31 May 1840. The marriage was solemnized in St. Andrews Church Gt.Easton, Leicester (1). They had two children: George Thomas Baptized 25 October 1840 (2). Their daughter, Mary Charlotte King born was 7 Dec 1843 (3). Swithin's wife died 9 May 1843 and buried 10 May 1843 in Great Easton (4).

The 1841 Leicestershire Census listed two males named George (father of Swithin) age 75 and a baker, was widowed, wife Mary Almond buried 17 Oct 1835,(5) and Swithin George age 35, Charlotte age 29, and an eight month old infant named George including a Robert Blount also a baker all living in the household of George King.(6)

Robert Blount age fifteen listed on the same 1841 census ,was Robert Blount, Jr. born about 1826 son of Robert Blount, Senior the latter who married my gg-Grandfather George King's daughter Mary who was born 30 Nov 1797: Robert Sr. was born about 1800 married on 08 December 1817 St Andrew's Church, Leicester (7). Robert and Mary King Blount had eleven

children: William born 1818, Penelope 1820, Robert 1823, Hannah 1825, George 1827, Ann 1830, John 1833, Thomas 1835, Mary 1836, Caleb 1840 and Jane Elizabeth 1843. They ranged in age from the first child William, to the last child born in December 1843 within a twenty-five year period (8).

A note is worthy here, to acknowledge that Chris and his wife Sandra Jones of Sutton provided the majority of the data on the Blount Family. Thank you Chris and Sandra for your transcriptions and documents.

Chris and Sandra also sent page 2 of the "1855 Post Office Directory of Leicestershire and Rutland". To paraphrase, the Church of Gt Easton was dedicated to St. Andrew is a handsome building that was renewed about 10 years ago (approximately 1845) and is in very good repair having a tower surmounted by a spire, is all of 90 foot high containing 5 bells. The article notes that "here is a chapel for the Independents, first built in 1797". It further states that there is a small annual sum for the poor children as there is no church school, so to serve the poor children a small endowment is consolidated in the school fund by which the children of the parish are educated in the district of Rockingham (9). The same article gave the population of 687 in 1851 and the ground was principally used for grazing. The history of St. Andrews makes our family history more interesting learning since many of our ancestral families were baptized, married or buried in St Andrews Church Yard surrounding the Church. The same Directory has noted the Gentry, one being Rev. George Quirk as Curate whose name I have come across several times on birth, marriage and death records. Also, my g-grandfather George (Swithin George) King was a baker and is listed as was Charles Ashby a farmer and grazier who was a brother to Mary Ashby 2nd wife of g-grandfather Swithin George King.

Footnotes

1. *Marriage Record of Swithin and Charlotte (Reference MXB 361676 GRO obtained Nov 2003). Parish Church St. Andrews Gt. Easton, Leicester.*
2. *Baptismal Record, George Thomas (reference DE 2566/8 Leicestershire Council).*
3. *Mary Charlotte (not Charlotte Mary) born 7 Dec 1843 & Baptised Mary 4 March 1844 at Gt. Easton Congregational Church Register (reference N/C/128/2)4. Also, Gt. Easton Census 1841 (reference H0 107/589/10).*
4. *Mary Almond King buried 17 October 1835 IGI Batch #M059762. George King's wife.*
5. *Burial Record-Church (Reference DE 2566/9) of Charlotte Bates King who died 9 May 1843, buried 10 May 1843 Gt Easton Leicester.*
6. *Transcribed census regarding the Blount family & relationships received from C. Jones 18 Dec 2006 of Sutton, England.*

7. (Ref 1841 England Census, HO 107/589/10) and Courtesy of Christopher Jones and his wife Sandra of Sutton England.
8. (Ref. 1855 Post Office Directory of Leicestershire & Rutland, George Swithin) as his father George was deceased in 1845 listed as baker.
9. "1855 Post Office Same as above Directory of Leicestershire and Rutland".

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St. Andrew's Church – Great Easton, Leicestershire, Courtesy of Sean Williams of England



Many of my ancestors were baptized, married and buried in St. Andrew's Church

Swithin's Second Wife Mary Ashby and Family

After Charlotte died, one year later Swithin married Mary Ashby of Horninghold 24 June 1844 at St. Andrews Church of England (1). This was a first marriage for Mary who came into the family greeted by Swithin's two young children George Thomas born 25 Oct 1840 (2) and Mary Charlotte born 07 December 1843 and baptized 03 December 1844 (3). George

(Geo.Thomas) was only two years and seven months old when his natural mother died and his sister was about a year old. In all probability, the children did not remember their mother. We assumed Mary fulfilled the role of mother quickly, nurtured the young children and gave birth about nine months after marriage to Swithin. Swithin and Mary had six more children in the following ordinal rank.

1. Angelina the first born of Mary Ashby born about March 1845 (4).
2. Charles Albert age four (my grandfather) born 10 May 1846 Gt Easton, Leicestershire and died in Eloise Wayne County, Michigan USA (5).
3. William age three born March 1848 Gt Easton and buried 07 April 1854 (6). The etiology unknown.
4. Walter one year old died unknown etiology (7).
5. Herbert Brownlow Ashby does not appear on the 30 March 1851 Census (8) as he was born after June 1851.
6. Adah was born about 1854. However, the name Sally Ann is listed on the 1861 census, age seven but after that her name appeared on census as Adah/Ada. Interestingly, there is an Adah who was buried 05 April 1850 who died in infancy (9). Apparently, the baby who followed and lived also (Adah King) was called Sarah Ann for a short period of time, then her parents reconsidered to name her after the deceased child, Adah. The Leicester Records office could not find a Sarah Ann King born to Swithin George and his wife.

Their son, Charles Albert was the father of father Frank J. King and his brothers Walter and Joseph King by Charles' 3rd wife, Frances (Fannie) Colwell. In addition, Frank and his brothers had half-brothers and one half-sister. Frank and his natural brothers were born in Marine City St.Clair County, Michigan USA. Walter & wife Ethel moved to California in 1950s where they both died and were buried except the informant on the Death Certificate stated Walter was born in Canada which is untrue (did not know her facts and presumably related to Ethel. The informant was a MS MIELKE. Swithin George and Mary Ashby were grandparents of Frank, Walter and Joseph (all born in United States) .

Chris Jones searched and found that Herbert Brownlow Ashby King (Charles Albert's son) only had 3 daughters as far as he could determine: Beatrice born 1883, Florence born 1886 and Dorothy born 1890. No further details are known at this time. Herbert Brownlow Ashby King married Jane Bower the 29 December 1879, and had lived at 75 Southfield Cottages. About two years later they lived at 91 Martin Street Belgrave. In 1901 Herbert Brownlow was still living and resided at 115 Martin Street, age 29 was a Bachelor, Baker & Corn Dealer. Later, Mandy Dakin and Chris Jones of England wrote that according to the 1881 census Herbert's father-in-law

was Benjamine Bower a Grocer. Her mother remains unknown at this time (10).

Footnotes

1. *Marriage Record MXB 361676 General Register Office (GRO) St Andrews Parish Church of Great Easton Leicester, Reg. Dist. Uppingham.*
2. *George Thomas (ref baptismal reg 25 Oct 1840 Leicester Record Office)*
3. *Mary Charlotte born 7 Dec 1843, Baptismal Register 04 March 1844 Gt Easton Congregational Church Register. (reference N/C/128/2). Baptismal Register recorded Mary Charlotte (not reverse)*
4. *Angelina born 28 March 1845 and Baptism 13 April 1845 (ref N/C/128/2 Congregational Church Register).*
5. *Birth Register, Charles A. King BXC B #78456 Registration District Uppingham; Sub-district Great Easton, in the Counties of Leicester, Northampton and Rutland. Gt Easton Leicester. Charles' Albert Death Certificate, noted, died 09 December 1905, in Nankin Twp., Eloise, MI. Record obtained from State of Michigan, Wayne County Division of Vital Statistics. He was buried 11 December 1905. The cemetery has not been found where Charles is buried in Detroit, Michigan.*
6. *Charles' brother, William King burial record (Parish of Gt. Easton, Leicester) also, LDS/FHC-IGI Film #0592703*
7. *Walter (Burial Record 1854 Gt Easton Parish, page 50, #404 County of Leicester, ceremony by L. Quirk, Curate) also found in IGI Film #0592703. Death Record GRO provided by Mandy Dakin. & Confirmed by Chris Jones Sept 2006 St Andrew Road.*
8. *Herbert Brownlow was born after June 1851 (ref 30 March 1851 Census was taken) Herbert Brownlow Ashby King, Gt. Easton, Leicester Census 03 March 1851 (HO 107/2093) He was listed as Herbert only (I added his full name which is not appropriate when "transcribing" files but thought it necessary for clarification purposes) in that Herbert Brownlow Ashby KING was my grandfather's brother. He had a son named Arthur Herbert King who married Lucy Mary (nee Oldacre) King. Their daughter Elsie Mae King married Horace Bateman Jones: Christopher (Chris) Jones wrote that he, himself was the only child born to them: Chris has no brothers or sisters. Thus, Chris is the great-grandson of my grandfather Charles A. King.*
2. *Adah/Sally born about 1854 (ref 1861 census lists Sally Ann. After 1861 Sally became Adah on subsequent census. (Leicester Records*

Office searched and found no Sally Ann). On the other hand, there was an Adah King buried 05 April 1850 who died in infancy (ref Burial Record Parish Church, Leicester.

3. *(Marriage Record GRO HolyTrinity Church ref MXE 381341) Herbert and Jane BowerKing.*

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Grandfather Charles A. King's Early Life in England

Grandfather lost two brothers to death. William died in April 1854 and Walter June 1854 both died two months apart. According to the March 1851 census, Charles was four years old and a scholar. He did not turn five until May 1851 year. The cause of William's death is not known. His brother Walter died from Cerebral Effusion Pertussis (1). *Definition of Diagnosis is "an cute, infectious disease characterized by a catarrhal stage, followed by a peculiar paroxysmal cough ending in a whooping inspiration"*

His mother Mary Ashby King died a year later 24 June 1855 and was buried 27 June 1855 in St. Andrews Church Yard (2). The cause of her death was Tuberculosis of the Lung. Consequently, the death of mother left his father with seven minor children and Charles was only nine years old. In 1861 he was fourteen, a servant and bread maker living with the Horsepool family at 14 Morledge Street (3). It is likely that Charles was apprenticed out to this family after the death of his mother, however, we do not know how long he had been living with the Horsepool family between 1855 and 1861. Children could be apprenticed out as early as seven years of age during this period. In 1861 England Census, Swithin George age fifty-nine, and his daughter Mary Charlotte Bates King age eighteen has become his housekeeper: His son, Herbert Arthur is age nine and (Adah) is age seven (4).

These were very severe losses for a young child. We cast our focus particularly on my grandfather and consider the trauma that he and his siblings may have suffered, by losing their mother and two brothers in such a short period of time. From a psychotherapeutic view it is possible that grandfather went into an unresolved grief reaction, a flooding of emotions e.g. shock, denial, not just feelings, that mother and his brothers he would never see again. Often times, a child develops a sense of rejection that left him with many fears particularly fears of being alone. For example, he may fear the loss of his father and compensates in over achievement in numerous ways to defend against the feelings of loss of self esteem, self-worth as well as concerns about his own mortality. Childhood needs thwarted or lost even perceived as such, so that thorough out life, they try to regain the love and affection of mother through many relationships with numerous women. This is merely hypothetical based on grandfather's wayward behavior such as his having deserted his wife and children, escaped to Canada, married Mary

Ellen Scott in 1883 and deserted her about 1887. He met my grandmother about 1887 and married her on 23 April 1889.

The only way that I could analyze Grandfather Charles was to conjecture from the history on the marriage certificates so the hypothesis may be incorrect due to unknown facts. For instance, maybe he could not make adequate money due to economic conditions in England at the time and he may have figured it was best for him to leave as the family then could be taken into the workhouse which indeed did occur. So I concluded as some educators have said, "no matter how ridiculous one's overt behavior looks, that observed behavior serves a purpose for the individual."

Footnotes

1. *The cause of William's death is not known. His brother Walter died from Cerebral Effusion Pertussis, Death Record GRO NYC 338861. Definition from Tabers Cyclopedic Medical Dictionary, Edition 14, published by F.A. Davis Co. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.*
2. *Mary died a year later 24 June 1855 and was buried 27 June 1855 in St. Andrews Church Yard. The cause of her death was Tuberculosis of the Lung. Burial site is questionable as I had information that she was buried in the Welford Cemetery: supposedly, she was the sixth of five buried in the same grave per information from Sean Williams (who took pictures of Leicester) and inquired at the Welford Cemetery Office. However, I do have Burial Record, Mary Ashby King 27 June 1855, age 37 Parish of Great Easton, Leicester (DE 2566/9 L Quirk, Curate).*
3. *1861 Census Leicester St. Margaret, Twp. East St. Margaret Ward, City Leicester, Ecc Dist St. George, age 14 baker. (In all probability Charles was in apprenticeship). Res on 14 Morledge St Leicester St. (RG 9/2285)*
4. *(Ref. 1861 England Census their ages determined by said census).*

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Grandfather Marries First Wife, Adeliza Kind in 1871

I found my grandfather listed as a lodger at Maria Harrison a widow age fifty-seven on the 02 April 1871 Census. He lived independently at 22 Middle Street in Newarke, St Mary Registration District; Sub-district West Leicester (1). He was age 24 and a baker.

Where and how he met Adeliza Kind is unknown and perhaps never will be known as well as how long he knew her before marriage. Four months later, age 25 he married Adeliza (Ada) Kind on 27 July 1871 in the Chapel of Holy Cross Catholic Church in Leicester, an Apostolic Dispensation was granted to her to marry Charles, a non-Catholic (2). He was a member of the

Church of England or known as a Conformist. The Dispensation granted meant that he agreed to let her practice her faith without interference and raise the children in the Catholic Church: the witnesses were Lucia Kind, Adeliza's elder sister and Herbert Brownlow Ashby King, brother of Charles Albert, both of Leicester. (3)

Footnotes

1. The 1871 Census shows Charles King is lodger in Newarke West Leicester.
2. *Marriage Record GRO Registration District: Leicester received from Mandy Dakin, g-granddaughter of George Thomas King and gg-granddaughter of Charles Albert King, my grandfather*
3. (Certified Copy of a Marriage Entry pursuant to the Marriage Act 1949 Leicestershire Council). Also, *Leicestershire Registrar Office Holy Cross Marriage Record, Dispensation Leicester Record Office; and Civil Marriage Record GRO.*

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Adeliza's Sibblings, Parents and Grandparents

Adeliza's grandparents were James and Ann Gamble . To date, "only three children have been found" according to Christopher (Chris) Jones of Sutton, England.

1. Mary E. born 1811, Desford village. St.Mary Leicester Eccles, St Andrew Church.
2. Thomas baptized 4 Aug 1808 Desford village.St.Mary Leicester Eccles, St Andrew Church
3. John Baldwin baptized 14 Dec 1814 Desford Village. No further research has been done at this time.

Very little is known about the early life of Adeliza Kind, other than she was born 08 November 1851 to William and Mary E. (nee Gamble) Kind at Montague Place, Leicester Leicestershire. They had ten children:

1. Adeliza was the ninth child born 8 Nov 1851 and married Charles A. King 27 July 1871 (1).
2. Jane Kind (first born) about 1836 married Isaac Sharp 23 May 1858 St. Mary deCastro Church Leicester (2).
3. Emma was second born about 1837 in West St. Mary, Leicester According to the 1871 British Census she was age 24 in 1871 and a Milliner, sun hat maker and Hose winder (3).

4. Elizabeth born abt 1840 and no additional research accomplished at this time.
5. William was born about 1842 and brother Thomas born about 1845.
6. Joseph born about 1846 married Elizabeth Newton about 1870, the couple had two children: Thomas Charles born about 1871 and Albert Edmund Abt 1873 (4)
7. Lucy born age 18 months born 1849 ((March 30, 1851 Census) Sister Lucy was a witness of Adeliza Kind King as was Herbert Brownlow ASHBY King (ref marriage Reg.).
8. George born 1855/1856 (1861 Census). George born 1855/6 West St. Mary Leicester. Scholar and Ironworks Moulder (5).

It appears that the Kind Family was Catholic and were members of Holy Cross Catholic Church in Great Easton. Adeliza was the ninth sibling born of ten children. In 1861 she was age nine and her brother George, age five. Both are living with their parents who also have a grandchild, Mary E. Kind listed at 34 Jarrom Street. The 1861 Census West Leicestershire dated the grandchild's age "0" and the 1871 Census she is nine years of age. At this time we are not sure who her mother may be as this has not been researched. Steve Baxter contacted me from England and provided the following information about his history in that Joseph Kind was his gg-grandfather (6). Ada's brother Joseph married Elizizbeth Newton in 1870 and they resided at 8 Jarrom St., Leicester Steve is the gg-grandson of Joseph, Ada's brother. On the 02 April 1871 census Adeliza is age nineteen and now called Ada. Both the 07 April 1861 and 02 April 1871 census shows Ada living at 34 Jarrom Street. She is working as a Silk Winder while her brother George age sixteen is an Iron Works Moulder: they continue to live in the same household in 1871, however, their two sisters, Emma age twenty-four and Lucy aged twenty-one are now back at home. Both women are employed as Sun Hat Makers (7). Ada was also listed on another 1871 Leicester census, St. Mary District, on 48th Street as a nursemaid at the home of John Agar/Azar (8). At the present time we do not know the length of time she worked as a nursemaid but we do know she married Charles A. King four months later, 27 July 1871 (9). However, we do not know the length of time they knew each other.

Footnotes

1. *Birth Record Adeliza Kind (ref. GRO Leicester, birth West Leicester BXCA 372696) and Marriage Record GRO Registration District: Leicester received from Mandy Dakin*

2. *Jane, Adeliza's sister was married to Isaac Sharpe in St. Mary deCastro Church (research information received from Christopher and Sandra Jones of Sutton, England.*
3. *Emma's age she was age 24 in 1871 (ref. extrapolated from the 1871 British Census).*
4. *Joseph's two sons Thomas Charles and Edmond (Ref 1881c Film #1341757 IGI and Chris Jones.*
5. *George is a Scholar and works at Ironworks as Moulder British Census 1871 age 16 extrapolated from census.*
6. *Steve Baxter contacted me from England stated that Adeliza's brother, Joseph Kind was his gg-grandfather.*
7. *1871 census Ada resides at 34 Jarrom Street ,with Lucy, Emma and George.*
8. *1871 census, nursemaid in home of John Azar/Agar(no further history found).*
9. *Civil Marriage record of Charles A. King and Adeliza Kind (ref Civil Marriage Record GRO).*

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Adeliza Kind-King and Charles A. King may have walked through these doors into the Chapel of Holy Cross Catholic Church when they married 27 July 1871. The picture was taken by Sean Williams of Leicester, Leicestershire England.

First Dominican church and priory established in Leicester about 1250, second church, Blackfriars Hall founded 1819 during 19th Century priory buildings added and a schoolroom was built. Third church begun 1929, completed 1954. From Holy Cross churches were founded at St. Patricks and St. Mary;s.

1.Hollingshead, Brian "Sketch Book". Copy from Leicester Council Office England.

Charles & Ada's Five Children

Charles and Ada had five children. Their first child:

George Thomas born 11 December 1871 and baptized 8 Jan 1872 Leicester England(1) appeared that the "stork" delivered George Thomas about five months early.George married Jane Elizabeth nee Warren born 29 July 1872, Leicester. Mandy Dakin of England contacted me June 2009 via the Leicester Council. George T. King is Mandy's g-grandfather,and George' brother Arthur Herbert is Chris Jones grandfather:both George and Arthur are half-brothers to my father Frank J.King in the USA. George' father Charles A. King is the g-grandfather of Chris Jones and Mandy's gg-grandfather.

George Thomas and Jane Elizabeth (Warren) King had three children: Edith born 1897 Loughborough, Leicestershire; Winifred born 1899 married Harry Horton a Cobbler; and Agnes Annie who is our focus at this time in terms of King and Mandy Dakin families.

1. Agnes Annie King (her preference Mable) daughter of George Thomas and Elizabeth (Jane) was born 10 February 1894. She and her first husband Edwin Francis Cowley was married 30 January 1815 had one child Edward Patrick Cowley(2). His father died before Edward married Dora Eileen Ellen Hutt 03 August 1934 in SS. Michael & Sebastian Catholic Church in District of Alde County (3).

Agnes then married Albert Edward Dakin 07 June 1924 at the Catholic Chapel in Catholic Church District, of Loughborough, Counties of Leicester and Nottingham (4).

To add a little humor, according to Mandy's family history Agnes Annie hated her first two names so insisted that everyone call her "Mable" Annie – until she married Edward Dakin and became 'MAD' much to Mandy father's amusement – he always insisted she was MAD by name, MAD by nature". Nevertheless, Agnes and Edward had two sons:

James R. Dakin married "Mary Theresa and they had 5 children Gerard,Kevin,Eamon,Sean and Marie. His brother Kenneth born 1930 married Brenda Mary (Cripps) King and they had three children: Ann, Paul and Mandy.

Charles William, second son of Charles A. King was born 22 February 1873, baptized 23 March 1873 and married Alice Mary (Brown) born about 1876. They were married 19 July 1900 in Holy Cross Catholic Church Great Easton, Leicestershire. Charles William was buried in the Parish of Gt Easton (5). They had four children:William Charles born 19 Jan 1902, Alice (Vida) 3 September 1905 and Cyril Fredrick 9 May 1910. A relative to Alice M. Brown contacted me and added an interesting observation about "Uncle Charlie" in that he was a very happy individual and how he would

stop by their home after Sunday evening vespers and played the piano often loudly they were concerned that neighbors would complain...everyone loved Uncle Charlie." (More to come)

Agnes Angelina born 19 March 1874 and baptized 18 April 1874 (6).

Agnes married John Johnson June 1889 (7).

Arthur Herbert, born 14 December 1875 and was the grandfather of Christopher Jones, thereby the great-grand son of Charles A. King (8).

Arthur was born at 3 Pentonville, Grange Lane Leicester and baptized 09 January 1876. He married Lucy Mary (nee Oldacre) who was born 11 October 1876 at 3 Gopsall Cottages, Curzon Street Leicester. The couple was married 10 March 1898 in St. Mary deCastro Church, Leicester (9).

Arthur Herbert and Lucy (nee Oldacre) King had nine children. He died 20 July 1945 and his wife, Lucy died 25 August 1957. Both were residing at 12 Brookhouse Street Leicester, Leicestershire.

1. Elsie Mary King daughter of Arthur and Lucy King born 2 Jul 1906, 57 Gaul St. Leicester. Elsie married Horace Bateman Jones. This marriage brought forth a son, Christopher (Chris) Anthony Jones born 1942. He had no siblings but several aunts, uncles and cousins on the King side. Please refer to Chris' family pictures.

Chris and his wife, Sandra Margaret reside in Sutton Coldfield West Midlands, England. Chris contacted me through the message boards in 2006 searching for his great- grandfather, Charles A. King. Could my grandfather be Chris' g-grandfather...indeed he was!

Chris had no idea Charles had emigrated to Canada and I had no knowledge that my grandfather had been married to Ada and that he had five children by her. I was stunned, no wonder my father never spoke about his father but then did dad know about his father and how much did he know? (Please refer to the Preface as to how I found my grandfather, Charles Albert King.

Walter was Charles' last child born 1877 in Great Easton, Leicester, England. He died 01 September 1881 in Workhouse. Walter was only three years old (10).

Footnotes

1. *Vital Records (Ref. GRO birth BXCB 088225; baptized 8 Jan 1872 email information Dr. Bonney of Leicestershire Council July 2007.*
2. *(Ref., GRO Marriage reg. MXC 090496 Dist Loughborough) Agnes Annie (nee King) Cowley.*
3. *Edward Patrick Cowley (Ref., Gro, Marriage Record # MXC 054981.*
4. *Agnes and Albert Edward Dakin (Ref., Gro Marriage Register MXB 991084*
5. *Birth 22 Feb 1873 & Baptism 23 March 1873 dates rec'd 01 Jul 2007 via email from Dr. Margaret Bonney Assist Keeper of Archives Record Office Leicester & Rutland "... seen the fiche of the church record for Charles William KING and Alice Mary BROWN's marriage in Holy Cross 14 July 1900 (C. Jones 6 June 2009).*

6. *Agnes bn 19 March 1874, bap 18 April 1874;dates rec'd 01 Jul 2007 via email from Dr. Margaret Bonney Assist Keeper of Archives Record Office Leicester & Rutland-no certs. ordered.*
7. *Per Chris A. Jones, "Agnes Angelina married John Johnson June 1889".He was born 1876.*
8. *We have seen the baptism record of my grand dad Arthur Herbert King and his four siblings at Leicestershire Register Office". Received information 29 July 2008 from Chris Jones.*
9. *Marriage record of Herbert Brownlow Ashby and Jane nee Bower rec'd from Mandy Dakin.*

10. Walter, Charles son born 1877 died 01 Sep 1881 (Ref.DYC 338861 age 3 years at death

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A photo of Edward Albert Dakin and Agnes Annie(nee King)Dakin's wedding 17th June 1924. Edward & Agnes are the grandparents of Mandy Dakin who also sent the picture to the author.

Starting from the left back row is:

Harry Horton (Winifred's husband).

Muriel Dakin,Mandy's grandfather's sister Albert Edward Dakin (Mandy's granddad)

Agnes Annie Dakin, nee King (Mandy's grandmother)

George Thomas King (great granddad)

Winifred (nee King)Horton,Agnes's Sister.



Kenneth Dakin born April 24, 1930 married Brenda Mary (Cripps) King and they had three children: Ann, Paul and Mandy.

Agnes Annie Mabel nee King Dakin, taken at Ken and (Mandy's parents wedding 11th September 1954:

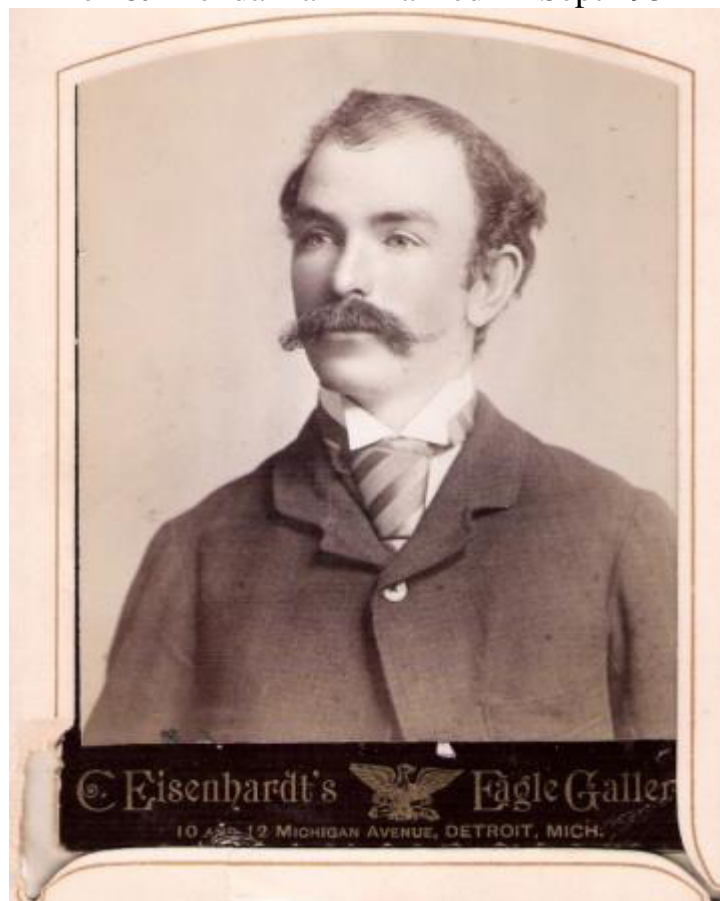
Edward married Dora Eileen Ellen Hutt 03 August 1934





*My dad during his RAF days with my mum.
apparently it was taken in my granddad's back garden
when he lived in Russell Street, Loughborough –
dad would be 20 ish and my mum 17 ish,
but it's between 1950 and 53).*

Ken & Brenda Dakin married 11 Sept 1954



This man might be my Grandfather, Charles
Albert King taken 1887-1889 by
Eisenhardt's Eagle Gallery located
at 10 & 12 Michigan Avenue in Detroit, MI.

A special thanks to Adam Lovell, Curator of the Detroit, Michigan Museum
for having dated the years the Studio was in business at the address shown
on picture. Charles would have been age 41-43.

He was about age 35 on the 1881 Canadian Census, 8 years later he married
my grandmother. The dates strongly indicate that this could be Charles.
When I received the picture of George Thomas King, I compared it with the
unknown man. Chris and Mandy concurred that there was some
resemblance of George Thomas to the unknown man in that the ears,
hairline and high cheek bones appear to be similar.

I found the picture in my father's family album. Nonetheless, we may never
know if the picture of the unknown man is indeed the father of George
Thomas King but he does resemble the KING Family more than my dad's
mother side. Charles was living in Detroit 1887 into the early 1990s.



*Above: Pentonville, off Grange Lane, was built c.1862 by
William Dudgeon. This picture was taken in 1959.*

Title "The Slums of Leicester" ed. Ned Newitt, Published 2009 by The
Breedon Books Company, 3 Parker Centre, Derby, DE21 4SZ. Copy of
photograph received from Chris Jones 2010.



George Thomas King 53 son of Charles Albert King(Half brother to Frank J. King & father of his daughter Therese) taken at Mandy Dakin's Grandparents, Agnes Annie(Mable)King and Albert Edward Dakin's wedding 17th June 1924



We thank Chris Jones of Sutton, England for contributing much to the King Family History, and thoughtfulness of sharing his parent's wedding picture.
Horace & Elsie were married the 18 May 1929 in the Oxford Street Congregational Church Chapel, Leicester, England

Charles Deserted: Family to Sparkenhoe Street Workhouse

Charles' deserted his family after his last child Walter was born 1877 who died in 1881. My initial thought was that Ada did not appear to have had any knowledge regarding his disappearance, however, I recently received information from Mandy Dakin who is the g-grandaughter of George Thomas King and the gg-grandaughter of my grandfather Charles King. Mandy said "all these years family tradition had it that Ada told George Thomas that his father was killed in an accident". Mandy wrote, "so finally we know the truth of gg-grandfather". Yes, he was a run-away spouse and father of five children, reason(s) unknown.

I could not find Charles from the year 1871 England Census until I located him on the 1881 Ontario, Canadian Census. He was one of three young men: James YOEL age 25 born in Scotland also a baker and Herbert TAYLOR age 19 a Machinist born in Ontario, Canada lodging at the home of Lydia SNIPES on Wellington Road in the City of London, Ontario Canada (1). It looks as though he deserted his family after the last child, Walter was born 1877. Difficult to believe that he left England in 1881 considering that both his father Swithin died 18 September 1881 and his son Walter died 01 September 1881 (2).

Chris' wife, Sandra transcribed the admission and discharge documents from Leicester Sparkenhoe Street Union Workhouse in Leicestershire, England concurrent with my request from the Leicestershire Records Office. The admission record showed Monday, 09 August 1880 that Ada King and the children were admitted by Saint Mary's Parish with the reason for admission, Ada "Destitute & Ill" as were the children. They were George Thomas, age eight; Charles William age seven; Agnes Angelina age six; Arthur Herbert age five and Walter age three.

Ada was discharged on Tuesday 24 August 1880. On Saturday 23 October 1880 Agnes was "taken out by mother". Walter was "removed to the "Boro" (Borough) Hospital, on Tuesday 08 March 1881" (3).

Walter was transferred back to the Workhouse from Boro Hospital on 07 May 1881 (4). He died 01 September 1881 and was buried 05 September in Welford Road Cemetery, Leicester.

The three remaining children George Thomas, Charles William and Arthur Herbert were all taken out of the Workhouse by Mr. Sharp an uncle. He was Isaac Sharp born 1834 Leicester and married Jane Kind who was born in 1836 in Leicester. She was one of Adeliza Kind's elder sisters. Isaac Sharp and Jane Kind were married on 23 May 1858 at St Mary de Castro Church Leicester. Chris Jones said, "We have seen the actual marriage certificate so can confirm this information" (5).

After Ada was released from the Workhouse we find her living with her brother, Joseph Kind, widower and his sons: Thomas and Charles Kind according to the 03 April 1881 census for Saint Mary's Township, Leicester. (Ada's married name and her daughter Agnes King recorded as Kind, should be King...considered to be an error.) (6)

According to Chris and Sandra Jones and Discharge Ledger the last three children; George Thomas, Charles William and Arthur Herbert King were taken out of the Workhouse 09 May 1881, "taken out by a Mr.Sharp (uncle)". This Uncle Isaac Sharp married Ada's sister Jane Kind the 23 May 1858 St. Mary deCastro Church Leicester, according to Chris 22 October 2008.

Footnotes

1. *Census Place was recorded as Westminster Twp., Middlesex East, Ontario on IGI Film 1375904 1881 Canadian Census Household Record (name change date unknown to me).*
2. Leicester Sparkenhoe Street Union Workhouse Admission 1980 and three Discharge pages.
3. Walter Discharged to "Boro" Borough Hospital
4. Walter transferred back to Workhouse on 07 May 1881.He died 01 September 1881 in the Workhouse.
5. Isaac Sharp spouse of Elizabeth(Jane) Kind was provided by Chris Jones.
6. Leicester Census 03 April 1881.

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Ada has Two Children Born Out-of-Wedlock

CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF BIRTH

ROUTESHIP DISTRICT Leicester

1883 BIRTH in the Subdistrict of West Leicester in the County of Leicester

Application Number COL629228

No.	When and where born	Name of day	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
213	20 April 1883	Jane Mary	Female	William King	Adeline Henry formerly Weaver	Widow	William King Father of Jane Mary 36 Jarrom Street Leicester	1883	Wm. C. White Registrar	

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of an entry in the certified copy of a Register of Births in the District above mentioned.

Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, under the Seal of the said Office, the 13th day of December 2007

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Ada gave birth to a daughter, Jane Mary 20 April 1883. The father of Jane Mary is a William King, an Elastic Weaver but we do not know who William King was as he could have been a family member or perhaps she chose a common name(1). The baby was born at 34 Jarrom Street, Leicester where Ada had been living with her widowed brother, Joseph Kind and his two sons: Thomas Charles born 1871 and Albert Edmund born about 1873.(2)

Jane is an eight year old scholar on the 1891 Leicestershire Census. The 1901 census she is now age eighteen, unmarried and employed as operator of a Machine Hosiery Leg Seamer and resides with her mother now age 48, and her brother Walter age fourteen at 101 Filbert Street.(3)

As for Jane's brother Walter, born in 17 January 1888 at 26 Foxton Street, West Leicester, LeicesterCounty...there is no father's name on his birth record(4) The 1901 Leicester Census he is age fourteen and employed as an Errand Boy. Little is known about him at this time and do not know who his father may be. We do know that Walter was present at his mother's burial the 04 October 1908 at Welford Road Cemetery, the oldest public cemetery in Leicester.

“Ada was buried in a common grave and appears to have been last person and sixth buried in a grave containing five people of another family, in an unconsecrated area”.(5)

We end the research found on the life of Ada and Charles Albert KING. Next we found Charles Albert KING in Ontario, Canada and his marriage to Mary Ellen Scott.

1. GRO Certified Copy of Birth for Jane Mary BXCC 897469
Registration District Leicester and Sub-district West Leicester.
2. 1881 Census and Latter Day Saints (LDS) International
Genealogical Index (IGI) Film# 1341757
3. 1901 Leicester (formerly part of St. Mary Civil Parish.
4. Walter's birth record GRO forwarded to me by Mandy Dakin.
5. Sean Williams, took several pictures at my request of Welford
Cemetery from all four sides, St Andrews, Holy Cross Catholic , etc.
Many thanks to Sean for his outstanding pictures. Please view the
following site at
<http://www.flickr.com/photos/33788833@N00/sets/72157604985837803/>

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Charles Albert King 1881-1887 in Ontario, Canada

My search for Charles began in Ontario Canada on the presumption that he was a Citizen of England, therefore, would not need to apply for citizenship whereas if he emigrated from England, to the States he would have had to have gone through United States Immigration Service.

The second reason was that the fare was cost effective in comparison with the cost to the States yet he could have arrived in New York and traveled the Great Lakes to Montreal Quebec, London or Toronto, Ontario to mention a few ports. Nonetheless, I still have not found a Passenger Manifest and the ship name remains unknown to me. (I remembered my father using the term Cunard Lines but I was far too young to comprehend who or what he

associated with the Cunard Lines).

There were many men with the same common name and since Charles left his family it is unknown if the age he gave was accurate, there is also a question as to why he did not use his middle initial or was it a matter of recording or not recording by the enumerators. At this time I can only assume that he left from Liverpool on the basis of it being the largest port and many of the emigrates sailed from there. Many more questions could be raised. Considering his "covert" behavior is not a fact but judging by his marriage records to Mary Ellen Scott and my grandmother, Frances (Fannie) Mary Colwell we know that his intention was to hide his marriage status. When he married Mary Ellen he gave his marital status as a bachelor and when he married Fannie he claimed to be a widower.

The fact that his youngest son, Walter age three and one-half died 01 September 1881 and Charles' father, Swithin George was buried 21 September 1881 in Uppingham England, it did not seem possibly that he would have left England before his son and father expired. As a result, our evidence lies in the Ontario, Canadian Census taken 04 April 1881. The question remains when exactly did he arrive in Ontario, Canada.

The history gathered from the 1881 Canadian Census revealed that Charles was born in Great Easton, Leicestershire England, his occupation was that of baker, his ethnic origin was English, he belonged to the Church of England and he boarded at Lydia Snipes who also was from England. In addition, there were two other men boarding at the same "residence w s Wellington Road, London South"(2). James Yoel born in Scotland about 1856 age twenty-five, member of Church of England and was also a baker by trade. The second man was Herbert Taylor born in Ontario, Canada about 1862 age nineteen, occupation was that of Machinist and a C. Methodist.(3) I am not sure what the initial "C" preceding Methodist means.

Footnotes

1. 1. Toronto Reference Library, Toronto, ON M4W 2G8: The 04 April 1881 Ontario, Canadian census were taken in Westminster, Middlesex East, Ontario. Westminster Township was in Middlesex County just south of London.
2. "Whites City of London and County of Middlesex Directory," 1881/82 – p.496 listed under the landlord's name.
3. Family History Library Film Number 1375904 and C-13268.

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Charles and the two gentlemen names mentioned above were located by a kind, reference librarian in Canada. She found their names in "The Middlesex, London Street Directory," under the Landlord's surname spelled Snape rather than Snip as on the 1881 Canadian Census. They lived on Wellington Street, no house number recorded. (1) She also researched Nova Scotia, British Columbia Directories and Ontario City Directories before

1881 but there was no listing for Charles King until the 1882 London, Ontario Directory, although he had been found on the 1881 Canadian Census.

Before September 2003 I set out to search for the marriage record of Charles and Frances (Fannie) Mary Colwell whom we knew were our grandparents. I did not know where they were married: it could have been England, Canada or the United States. In fact, the Colwell Family was from Bethnal Green, Middlesex, London, England and surrounding areas such as Spitalfields, White Chapel, Stepney, and Hoxton to name a few.(2)

The jest of this search is that in 2003, after having searched earlier in Wayne County Detroit, Michigan for Charles and Frances' marriage record, I then searched in Canada again only to find a Charles Albert King married by License to a Mary Ellen Scott 10 March 1883 Middlesex County, London Ontario Canada by a Reverend D. Savage.(3) I held that marriage record in my "questionable file" since I did not know the names of his parents until later although they were on Charles & Mary's Marriage record.

In 2006 Chris Jones of Sutton inquired of me whether our King Family could be connected. After exchanging family history he revealed that my grandfather was his great grandfather and had deserted his first wife, Adeliza and children in England. Grandfather's son, Arthur Herbert King married a Lucy Mary (nee Oldacre) King: the couple had a daughter Elsie May King who married Horace Bateman Jones- the latter are the parents of Christopher Jones. Now I found grandfather had a first wife while being aware that he yet had a third wife....how many more did he have became my question.

On the marriage record of 1883 to Mary Ellen Scott he claimed to be a bachelor, age thirty-two (this would indicate he was born in 1851 yet census were showing that he was born about 1847) but his occupation was baker, however, the word looked like 'banker'.

Chris had confirmed the names of grandfather's parents: George (actually George Swithin) King and Mary Ashby King were the names were recorded. Now my brother and sister know the names of our great-grandparents. I used the middle name Albert based on the fact that Charles son's middle name was Albert, however, my cousins did not know this fact as we previously discussed it when we tried to figure out Charles middle name. I still did not have documentation Charles was indeed my grandfather. Without hesitation I ordered the birth record from the Public Record Office in England.(4) This confirmed the connection of son to his parents.

Chris Jones in Sutton, England was searching for his great-grandfather and it was Chris who told me that Charles had five children and a wife in England. Chris and I had a win-win exchange as he did not know that Charles had fled to Ontario, Canada. So now I had a grandfather who appeared to be a bigamist, a run-away husband, family deserter, or a

‘naughty’ man in general whose first wife went to the Sparkenhoe Street Union Workhouse in Leicester with their five children. Ada was admitted “Destitute & Ill”.

Between 1881 and 1883 Charles met Mary Ellen Scott whom he married 10 March 1883 Canada. (5) In 1884 Charles was still in London City, Middlesex employed as a baker by F. Howe and resided in a house at 233 Clarence Street.(6) I assumed that he and his bride lived here after their marriage took place at 203 1/2 Clarence Street apparently, her home. The Rev. D. Savage performed the ceremony.

Between 1883-1884 the couple moved from 233 Clarence Street to 338 Thames Street still in London City, Ontario and in 1886 Charles is employed by R.B. Walker, baker.(7) Changing employers may have been for better pay or maybe he had been laid off or let go. This we do not know. The “1887 London & Middlesex Directory, in a house at 325 Queen’s Avenue and the same address is found in the 1888/1889 Directories. (8) Apparently he separated from or deserted, I believe the latter, his second wife Mary Ellen Scott-King when he left 325 Queen’s Avenue house in Ontario. His United States Naturalization Documents indicate that he became a resident of the states in 1887.

In the 1890 London City Directory, p-188 he boarded at 331 Queen’s Avenue. This was the home of a physician, Harry Meek. To me, this is a clue that he either separated or deserted Mary earlier than 1890 because he married his third wife, our grandmother to be the 23 April 1889 in the City of Windsor, Essex County, Ontario or two.

Footnotes

1. National Library of Canada: Reference and Information Services, “Whites City of London & County of Middlesex Directory, 1881/82”-p. 496. The listing read ‘Snape, Mrs. Lydia res w s Wellington Road, London South’.
2. The county and some family history was provided to me by Marie Elizabeth (Betty) nee Colwell–Howey who is still living. Betty is the daughter of my grandmother’s youngest brother, Arthur Colwell: she was ninety-three in April 2008.
3. 1883 “Schedule B - Marriages County of Middlesex, City of London” No.007502, p.203. Charles Albert King & Mary Scott.
4. GRO England, Counties of Leicester, Northhampton & Rutland. Birth Record Charles Albert King BXC B 784568
5. “Canadian National Archives,” Reference and Information Services.
6. “Whites City of London & County of Middlesex Directory”, 1884, p.121. Address still 233 Clarence Street.
7. 1886 Whites City of London Directory, p–160, they resided at 338 Thames St.

8. London & Middlesex County Directory, 1887, p 179. Same Directory 1888/89 p.181.

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**Charles Albert King and Second Wife
Mary Ellen Scott**

The short history that I was able to find on Mary Ellen Scott is rather interesting in that my Grandfather, Charles King claimed to be a bachelor when he married Mary Scott and a widower when he married for the third time, my grandmother.

Mary Ellen Scott a spinster, age 32, was born about 1851 and in Ireland to William and Catherine (nee Mchan) Scott. Mary's sister Elizabeth Gilmore and her husband John Gilmore served as witnesses to Charles and Mary's wedding ceremony that took place in her home, with the Reverend D. Savage performing the ceremony, presumably he was from the Church of England as both marriage partners claimed to be of the same denomination.

(1)

As noted previously they married at 203 1/2 Clarence Street in Middlesex County, London City Ontario Canada on 10 March 1883. From there they moved to 233 Clarence Street, lived there for a short time and then moved to 338 Thames Street and finally to 325 Queen Street all in same City. All these addresses showed that they lived in a house. Please refer to the previous London Ontario Directories by White noted in the above footnotes. Next, Charles is a boarder at 331 Queens Street in City of London Ontario Canada. As I expressed my opinion earlier, my hunch is that he left Mary at 325 Queen Street as he is now a boarder at Dr. Meek's home.(2) The couple was married about four to five years 1883 to approximately 1887/1888. No Divorce Record was found in the Canadian National Archives.

Footnotes

1. Schedule B – Marriages County of Middlesex, City of London # JU 007502, 203.Mary Scott & Charles A. King
2. "The London City & Middlesex County Directory, Street Directory Section in 1888/89 revealed 331 Queens Avenue to be the residence of Meek, Harry, physician.
3. Naturalization Documents: Declaration of Intention (renounce forever Allegiance...Queen of Gt. Britain and Ireland....) and Petition to be admitted as Citizen of the US.
4. Detroit Michigan Directory, 1890 John Hunter, baker listed at 1431 Michigan Avenue

5. 1889/1890 City of Detroit Directory Charles living in a house at 98 Cherry Street. His third wife, Fanny King was recorded at her work place when census was taken.

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Mary Ellen Scott King 1851-1914

The identifying data on Mary King as noted above included some history on Charles' third wife. I felt this was necessary to depict the overt behavior of my grandfather and the detail of his wanderings into Detroit, Michigan from Ontario, Canada. This raised another question.

Namely, it appears that he was trying to hide the fact that he was not a bachelor and possibly planned his escape from Mary who remained in Canada. And why did he travel fifty-nine miles north to Petition for US Citizenship in 1887 when it could have been done through the Circuit Court system in Detroit, Michigan which covers the Southeastern Section of Michigan.

Now to add a little more to Mary Scott's history in Middlesex London, Ontario. The history presented thus far was taken from her marriage record to Charles. Both parents names as well as Mary's and Charles' mothers maiden names were on the marriage record. Also, Mary's sister, Elizabeth and her husband John Gilmore witnessed the marriage ceremony.

- [King and Scott Marriage Record \(JPEG, 2.1 Mb, 0x0\)](#)

Next is the surprise that Mary did not die until 1914 in a street car accident in London, Ontario Canada. George DeKay of London Ontario researched Mary Scott King in Middlesex, London Ontario Canada and found that she died age 67 late on March 24 1914 at St. Joseph Hospital and was buried the following day: she is buried in Mt Pleasant Cemetery in London Ontario Canada by The George E. Logan, Funeral Director. Further more Mr. DeKay said, "no Reverend was listed so expect there was no service and since there was no name beside 'owner of plot' per office would suggest the city paid for it". No tombstone exists for Mary Ellen King.

There was no formal obituary published in the London Ontario Newspapers but George found several newspaper clippings regarding her accident that occurred at Horton and Clarence Streets intersection in London Ontario. Extrapolating from the newspaper articles sent by Mr. DeKay it appeared to me that since Mary was unconscious for sixteen hours, then in and out of consciousness for another 48 hours that her answers were incoherent. She denied having a husband, then said he died years ago, then claimed to be a widow, finally gave the name of James as her husband which was definitely unfounded.

Toward the end of her demise, she mumbled that she had a sister Mrs Gilmour in the city as was printed in the London Ontario Press. Mr. DeKay also found a tombstone with the inscription "John Gilmour born March 6, 1852 DIED Sept 12, 1922 ELIZABETH his Wife April 15 1858 Feb 22, 1833 At Rest". In addition, her parents names were on the marriage record of Charles Albert King as well as she having been born in Ireland to Catherine and William Scott. Also, Elizabeth and John Gilmore were listed as marriage witnesses. Therefore, the misnomer about the name of her husband being James was wittingly or unwittingly spoken by her or related to her incoherent verbiage during short periods of her consciousness. The news articles revealed that no family came forth to identify her. In fact, it was her employer Mrs. A. Cave that thought that the deceased person was possibly her domestic employee of a few weeks. As a result she identified the body as her employee and described Mary King as never having talked about her nuclear or extended family...her employer said Mary maintained a very low profile.

Though her employer identified the body, George Scott a brother came forth to complete her death record. Of interest is the fact that she was still living near Clarence Street with the "Rider" family near where she and Charles had originally lived.

- [Mary Scott Death Rec \(JPEG, 1.6 Mb, 1904x1584\)](#)
- [Accident Victim is Identified... \(JPEG, 846 Kb, 720x1680\)](#)
- [Accident Victim is Sinking \(JPEG, 461 Kb, 720x896\)](#)
- [Jury Views The Body \(JPEG, 349 Kb, 736x832\)](#)
- [Crown Attorney Orders \(JPEG, 622 Kb, 672x992\)](#)

Mary's Scott King's Family History

Little is known about Mary's family however, there is some limited information that I was able to glean from the marriage and death records. Her parents were listed as William and Catherine (McMahon) Scott and the witnesses, John and Elizabeth Gilmore.

George DeKay of Ontario, Canada researched and found newspaper articles (copies above) regarding Mary's death. He visited the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery Office and discovered she is in a single grave with no family members on either side which suggests "she was buried in a pauper's grave since there is no name beside 'owner's name of plot' that would suggest the City of London, Ontario paid for her burial". Also, there was not a grave marker for her.

While there he noticed the Gilmore Tombstone of Elizabeth (Scott) Gilmore whom I knew was a sister to Mary born 14 August 1864 in Clonmel, Tipperary, Ireland. Mary's sister, Elizabeth born 15 April 1858 in Ireland, died 22 February 1933 in the Ontario Hospital (mental) in London was the wife of John Gilmore.

The informant was John and Elizabeth's, daughter, Maud Gilmore born 21 September 1886. As for John ,Jr., he was a baker and the son of John Gilmore born in Belfast, Ireland and Elizabeth Scott. Worth mentioning as two generations of Gilmores married into the Scott Family.

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Charles King's Third Wife Frances Mary Colwell

We therefore, conclude that Charles was not a widower when he married grandmother Frances (Fannie) Colwell 23 April 1889(1). The London, Ontario Newspaper evidence and Death Record supported the fact that Mary Scott King died 24 March 1914 in Ontario,Canada, after Charles married his third wife.

He became a "Resident" of the United States the 20 September 1887 which fulfills the USA Federal Residency requirement and the one year State requirement, thus, a total six year requirement points to the fact he was living in USA in 1887. After filing the standard Petition and Declaration of Intent Documents in the Circuit Court of Saint Clair County he was admitted to Citizenship in open Court held 31 October 1896 in St Clair County,Port Huron, Michigan.(2)

Port Huron is fifty-nine miles north of Detroit, East side of Michigan on Lake St.Clair. This poses the question as to why did he not file for Citizenship in the City of Detroit since he was living there.To me,it appears that he was running away from something or someone, not running to something or someone by leaving Canada and his second wife, Mary. He was found listed in the 1889 Detroit City Residential Directory as a boarder at 1431 Michigan Avenue in the residence of John Hunter, both were bakers and residence was the same (3). (Apparently an upper-flat and bakery below).

This confirms that Charles was boarding with his third wife's brother's-in law John Hunter and family, however, we assume he was not yet married: presumably, this is how he met Fannie who was a sister to Alice Colwell and wife of John Hunter(4). Interestingly, William James and wife Elizabeth Colwell had resided at 98 Cherry Street, Detroit, Michigan USA before Charles A. King. Perhaps we can draw the conclusion that Charles King definitely boarded at 1431 Michigan Avenue, Detroit, Michigan.

Subsequently, I found Charles living at 98 Cherry Street, supposedly, the couple were married and had their own residence. Fannie is not listed in the City of Detroit 1890 Directory at Cherry Street but is listed in the 1890 Detroit City Business Directory as a Nursery Matron at Women's Hospital and Foundlings' Home, Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan. She was no doubt at work when the census enumerator visited. She is listed in the 1890 City of Detroit Directory(5). Enumerators recorded all persons in a given place at the time the census were takenfor that matter if a visitor from

out of State was a guest elsewhere, he would be listed as a "visitor" and that is where his name would be recorded.(Can make research difficult).

A short human interest story concerns the Womens' Hospital and Foundling Home where my grandmother had been employed as a Nurse Matron. It was later renamed Womens' Hospital. When I was ready to deliver my first child in 1953, my father offered reassurance by telling me what a "wonderful hospital it was and I did not have to worry about anything" and he continued to offer the same 're-assurance' each time I had the first four children...I was amused by his comments and concern for me but never knew or did he tell me that his mother had worked there. The name was changed to Womens' Hospital after my last child was born 1960, however, my father died August 1958, consequently, never knew I had five children. My mother later told me about my grandmother having been employed there.

Footnotes

1.Marriage Record SCHEDULE B-MARRIAGES Essex County, Division of Windsor Ontario, Canada #003055.(Colwell misspelled Caldwell & father's middle name was used in lieu of given name Swithin).

2.Charles United States "Certificate of Naturalization at the Court House in City of Port Huron County on Saturday the 31 October AD1896 Seal Affixed.

3.Charles boarded at 1431 Michigan Ave., with John Hunter Family.John was married to Alice Colwell, sister to my grandmother "Fannie" King.

4.King,Charles 1890 City of Detroit 98 Cherry St.(note: in 1891 Detroit Directory, there is a George S. Hill at 98 Cherry Street.

5.Mrs. King Womens' Hospital & Foundling Home, 1890 City of Detroit Directory

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Charles and Frances (Fannie) Colwell-King Married

Charles and Frances(Fannie) Mary Colwell were married 23 April 1889 in the City of Windsor,Essex County Ontario, Canada. Their marriage took place in St Andrew's Presbyterian Church that had been rebuilt in 1883. It was a short distance from and located South between the Detroit-Windsor Tunnel and Ambassador Bridge.

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The picture of St. Andrew's was provided by Windsor's Community Museum, P5558.



Rev. John Gray is the minister who married my grandparents Charles and Fannie King. He graduated from Knox College Toronto Ontario, Canada in 1870 was Ordained and inducted into the Pastorate at St. Andrew's Church November of the same year. His ministry marked the end of an era and the beginning of a new one.

During his term in office it became the custom for the pastor to act as

Chaplain of the 21st Essex Fusiliers, whose members later were to distinguish themselves on the field of battle in South Africa during the Boer War. The Windsor Pastor also became a member of the Ministerial Alliance of Detroit.(quoted from St Andrew's Presbyterian Church,Essex County Windsor, Ontario 1857-1957 A Centennial Memoir).The above picture was taken by me.I took a picture of Rev.John Gray whose picture that hung on the wall in the History Room at St Andrews.
I was escorted to St. Andrew's by my son, Larry and his lady friend....many thanks to them.

Grandmother Frances (Fannie) and her Parents William James and Elizabeth (Hardy) Colwell's Family

My Grandmother,Frances(Fannie)Colwell born 20 July 1855 was the sixth child born of ten children to William James and Elizabeth (nee Hardy)Colwell at 55 Wellington Street BethnalGreen,Middlesex County England(1).

Her father, William was born 01 January 1820 in Hoxton, Middlesex, England. At the time of his marriage 1840 he was living at 2 Osborne Place and Elizabeth Hardy resided at 1 Montague St.She was born about 17 Oct 1819 at Spitalfields Middlesex, London.

They were married 17 December 1840 at Spitalsfield Christ Church Stepney, Middlesex,London,England (2). Their ten children listed below were all born in Bethnal Green, Middlesex, England between 1843 and 1864 Stepney, London, England.

William and Elizabeth with their five youngest children daughters Frances M. (Fannie) age 17; Alice age 14 and Hannah age 21; and two youngest sons Edwin Alexander age 11 and Arthur age 8 departed from" Port Liverpool, England; Londonderry, Ireland. They crossed on the Circassian Ship arrived in Quebec, Quebec, Canada on the 10 August 1873" (3). Their son, John Piercy and his wife Martha Elizabeth (nee Gatfield) Marshall (widow)Colwell Arrived in Quebec in 1886 "Immigrated per US 1900 census, John Colwell & wife Martha immigrated 1886; "Been in USA 14 years, was naturalized". She had five children by first husband Thomas Marshall.

The last census recorded the William James Colwell family on the 1871 Census Bethnal Green Middlesex, England.

1.William was the first child born 1843 and died 13 Apr 1846 Lower Mile End Old Town, Middlesex, England.

2. Elizabeth was the second child of William J and Elizabeth Colwell 21 Jun 1843 at St George East London England St.Mary's Whitechapel and was Baptized 22 Jul 1849 at St Mary Whitechapel Stepney, London. She died 26 July 1866 from Asiatic influenza. She married Joseph Foster 5 Sep 1864 Stepney, London, England.

3. Drusilla born 6 June 1847 Stepney East London District and baptized 22 July 1849 St. Mary's Whitechapel, Stepney London, England. She married William Hardy (first cousin) 19 June 1870 Parish of St Philip the Apostle Stepney, Middlesex England. Her husband was a BootMaker. **(note Diana COLWELL born 1848 (HO 107/1540-345 (1851 London Census) age 3 was renamed Drusilla).**

4. William Thomas born 12 Oct 1848 Bethnal Green London Shoreditch was boottriviter. William Thomas married Caroline nee Marshall Colwell 10 Oct 1875 Bethnal Green, Middlesex, England. She died 1933.

5. John Piercy Colwell John Piercy born 01 July 1849 at Whitechapel, Middlesex England, Christened 22 Jul 1849 St. Mary Whitechapel, Middlesex, England was a Boot and Shoelaster. His residence was 37 Teesdale St. Bethnal Green Middlesex London. British Census 1881. He married Martha Elizabeth Gatsfield Marshall widow on 28 April 1874 St Peters Church. Bethnal Green, Middlesex, England. Martha born about 1833 in Hammoth, Middlesex, Whitechapel, was christened 26 May 1833, first marriage to Thomas Marshall was married to Thomas Marshall, had five children, 3 only known of. John and Marsha immigrated 1886 to New York, New York, and Settled in Camden, Camden, New Jersey. (Date of immigration extrapolated from 1900 Camden, New Jersey Census in that it noted 14 years in United States. She was 13-14 years John's senior. **(Philip born abt 1850 Stepney, Middlesex. Colwell residence 4 King's Row Bethnal Green (H0107/1540-345 1851 London Census age 1)** renamed John Piercy 1871 England census.

6. Hannah (Anna) born 18 Jul 1851 Greater London, London, Middlesex, England, christened 10 Aug 1851 Bromley, Middlesex St. Leonard St. Mary. Hannah married Wilson McCausland 7 May 1879 Toronto, York Ontario, Canada. The couple adopted one child.

7. Frances Mary born 20 Jul 1855 Bethnal Green London Middlesex England. Grandmother Frances (Fannie) King Birth Cited above.

8. Alice Elizabeth Colwell born 1858 Bethnal Green Middlesex London married John Alexander Hunter born about 1858 in Ontario, Canada. John was a Commercial Traveler and then a Baker by trade. The couple lived at 278 Beubien Detroit Michigan (US Census 1900 Census). John became a US Naturalized Citizen 1887 per (1900 US Wayne County, Detroit, Michigan Federal Census.

(1a). They had four children William John Jr. meat cutter was born 23 August 1879 in Ontario Canada. (Birth Record).

(2a). Frances Elizabeth (Hunter) Davis born April 1885 in Detroit, Michigan. She died 1910 leaving a daughter, Eva Davis.

(3a). Catherine (Kate) Hunter born February 1889 in Michigan. Kate married a doctor and they had one son (both names unknown) however, they moved to the State of California both the City and County unknown.

(4a).Drusilla (Hunter born in Michigan 1882 married William (Bill) Smith,date unknown at this time. They had a son whose name is also unknow. Nonetheless, Bill Smith led The Detroit Police Department Band after 1941. (Information provided by Betty Colwell Howey).

9. Edwin Alexander Colwell born 24 January 1861 Bethnal Green, Middlesex, England married Georgina Duggan(6)

10. Arthur born 27 Apr 1864 was the last child born. The family resided at 3 Punderson Gardens Bethnal Green, Middlesex, England(7).

The Colwell residence was on Wellington Road when William & his sisters Elizabeth and Drusilla were Baptized, 22 July 1849 St Mary Whitechapel Stepney London England all three on the same day.

Uncle Arthur and Aunt Marie married 18 December 1910 in Detroit, Wayne County Michigan.This was a first marriage for Aunt Marie and a second for Uncle Arthur although his first marriage to Emma Timpson in Toronto, York, Ontario, Cananda was of a very short duration.

I remember my g-Uncle Uncle Arthur and Aunt Marie (nee Winkler) Colwell very well. We visited them often in Detroit where they lived on Greater Mack Avenue. Also, they had a son,William (Bill)and a daughter, Elizabeth (Betty). Bill died 4 January 2001 and his sister Betty Howey age 95 passed away suddenly 23 August 2010 in Ohio.

My g-Aunt Marie was born 19 Nov 1877 in Blumenstein,Bern Switzerland and emigrated to the US 1882 with her mother, Rosina(nee Rothacher) Winkler. Aunt Marie's sister Rosina(Rose) Winkler born 13 May 1876 and Johannes (John Jr.)born 7 Mar 1880 and grandmother,Anna (nee Heger)Rothacher born 28 Aug 1814. They lived at 1126 Hamilton Avenue, Detroit, Michigan in Wayne County.

(Vital records for the City of Detroit can be found in the City of Detroit-not in the State of Michigan Archives.The reason for this is that the City is heavily populated.However, there are a few found at the State Archives depended on the year they were released).

Aunt Marie's father, Johannes (John) had been a Swiss Guide and fell to his death in the Alps leaving his wife,and three young children: Aunt Marie,a sister Rosina (Rose) and a brother John. It appears that the family lost contact with John years ago. They all were born and lived in the German section of Switzerland-Berns, Blumenstein Canton.

Uncle Arthur and his wife Marie (nee Winkler) Colwell had two children: Elizabeth (Betty) Marie (Colwell) Howey married a widower, Allan Louis (sometimes Lewis) Howey, born in Bay City on 3 Dec 1911 and died in Detroit on 15 Oct 1968. Allan L. had a daughter by his first wife and then had two sons, both of whom I met.

Allan and Betty were married July 1950 in a garden ceremony at the Colwell Family Home on Mack Avenue in Detroit. Her brother was William (Bill) who also married late in life and had no children.

FOOTNOTES Need to be updated. updated context 5-11-13

1. Birth Record of Frances Mary Colwell, No.BXBZ 359656 General Register Office.
- 2.Marriage Record William James & Elizabeth nee Hardy Colwell (ref 3.(ref Canadian Passenger List 1865-1935 (Roll C-4528).
4. State of New Jersey Census 1900 USA George Piercy & wife
5. Marriage Register 23 August 1879 Holy Trinity Church Toronto, York, Ontario,Canada
- 6.Edwin A. Colwell ref., Thomas(Tom)Colwell-great-grandson of Edwin.
7. Birth record for Arthur Colwell born 27 Apr 1864. Arthur was registered under the name of EDWIN Colwell who preceded him in birth and who was born 24 Jan 1861 per certified birth record. No middle name was noted on said birth certificate.I searched for many years under the name 'Arthur'. A special thank you to a volunteer whom I believed to have been quite ill(Rick Cowey of England)who went to Tower Hamlets Bethnal Green and the kind clerk pointed out the error in the registraion office having recorded the same name twice.

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History about Grandfather King in Marine City and Detroit Michigan USA

Grandfather and his wife settled in Marine City, St.Clair County, Michigan about forty five miles from Detroit on the East side of Michigan. The reason for the distance is not known. Retracing his whereabouts in Detroit have been included previously. We do know he had the bakeries as listed below and we know that he deserted his family in Marine City, Michigan about 1904. He returned to Detroit, perhaps because the bakery business was not lucrative and we also found his wife's parents, William and Elizabeth Colwell living with the family on the 1900 Federal Census. By then his three children had been born. I found him listed in the Detroit Business Directory 1904 and it showed that my father was a messenger boy for him at 744 Brooklyn but I do believe he delivered bakery items. I thought that maybe my dad tried to help him out and maybe even tried to hold the family together.My dad would have only been about 14 years of age. My grandmother and the two younger boys returned to Detroit about 1906 and they would have been ages 11 and 8 at the time. Following are some addresses she resided at.

He died 09 December 1905 at Eloise Asylum in Eloise, Michigan USA. He had been a resident according to his Death Certificate for eleven months. I suspect he entered as a pauper and probably ill.The cause of his death was "six days Pneumonia aggravated by two year history of Nephritis". The last address I could find on my grandfather was at 744 Brooklyn Avenue, Detroit a baker and my father, Frank was listed as a messenger boy, no doubt a delivery boy. It appears that grandfather went to Eloise from said

address. I believe he left his family in Marine City, returned to Detroit alone. Perhaps my dad followed him in an attempt to hold the family together but grandmother King and sons were living at a different addresses.

Foot Note

1. *Death Certificate State of Michigan Register # 181a, p.445. Dept of State-Division of Vital Statistics*

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Charles King's Bakeries In Marine City, Michigan

Charles and his wife moved to St Clair County Marine City, Michigan after they were married 23 April 1889. Charles was listed in the 1889/90 Detroit City Directory and the 1893 Port Huron County Business Directory, Marine City.

1893-1894 Port Huron, St. Clair County, Marine City Directory

King-Charles, baker, res n s Belle ave 2 w Belle River St.

1899-1900 St. Clair Co Directory

"Marine City Business Directory"

BAKERY.

Bell II, Broadway

King Chas

1899-1900 St. Clair County Directory:

Marine City Directory

King Chas, baker, res Ward ave.

1902 St. Clair County Directory:

Marine City Alphabetical Directory

King, Chas, prop Belle Avenue Bakery, Belle ave, res same

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Francis (Frank) Walter and Joseph

Frances' (Fannie) gave birth to three super sons. My father Frank Joseph was the eldest born 12 November 1890, Uncle Walter born 01 May 1897 I was delighted when I found that I was born on his birthday years later. He and his wife Ethel (nee Conrad) had no children. The reason(s) remained unknown. All the sons were born in St. Clair County Marine City, Michigan USA.

Uncle Joseph (Joe) Albert and his wife, Eleanor (nee Kraus) King had three children. Joseph, Jr. born 1924, Mary Ellen born 1927 and Dolores Jean was born 1930. About age twelve when he started working for Robinson-Phillips Corporation - Kodak Company as a delivery boy in the City of Detroit Michigan. He stayed in this job and became manager of said store.....to our knowledge, family history tradition revealed that he never worked for any other company throughout the years. Both daughters worked in the store as his assistants and his son did for a short time then went elsewhere to work.

Few details about Uncle Joe remain unknown to this author other than he did become manager/proprietor of the store and possibly over several photo stores. There are no pictures of him available from our family collection and his three children claim not to have any pictures of their father either.

Uncle Walter was a very tall handsome man and I always thought Aunt Ethel was very pretty. I remembered as a child that he always had silver hair, pinkish complexion and pretty blue eyes. He and Aunt Ethel would visit frequently at our home on 53 High Street (where my brother Louis was born) until 1936 and after that we moved to 329 North Rochester Road they visited until they went to California. They returned from said State and then removed themselves back to Ventura, California. He enlisted in the United States Army in Detroit but sent Grayling Camp 1st MI Cavalry 119th Field Artillery Waco, Texas. Camp Merritt NJ, Rank Corporal, Camp Custer DD2-14-1919 (have US Army Application and Discharge papers. He served in France from February 20, 1918 to January 3, 1919.

Frank married a widow, Rose Ann (nee Betka/Bejtka) Sanderson. She had two children Virginia Mae and John Robert (Bob) Sanderson by her first spouse John Ernest (Ernie) Sanderson. They were married 12 June 1916 in The Methodist-Episcopal Church in Highland Park, Wayne County Michigan. (A note of interest, mom lost her US Citizenship when she married Ernie as he was not yet a Citizen of USA, however, she automatically

regained it when he was naturalized).

Her first child, Virginia was born 26 Jun 1918 and died 27 March 1921 from Spinal Meningitis. My (half-brother) Bob was born 12 August 1922 and was only ten months old when his father was killed 08 July 1923 by an automobile while alighting from a Detroit Street Car (known as the Inter-urban whereby the auto traveled too close to the tracks. Bob retired in Ludington, Mason County Michigan after he retired from United Airlines as Mechanic of Major Repairs at Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

His father was born in Preston, Lancashire England and emigrated from Liverpool, England to the United States and arrived 27 Jan 1911 on the Mauretania Ship.

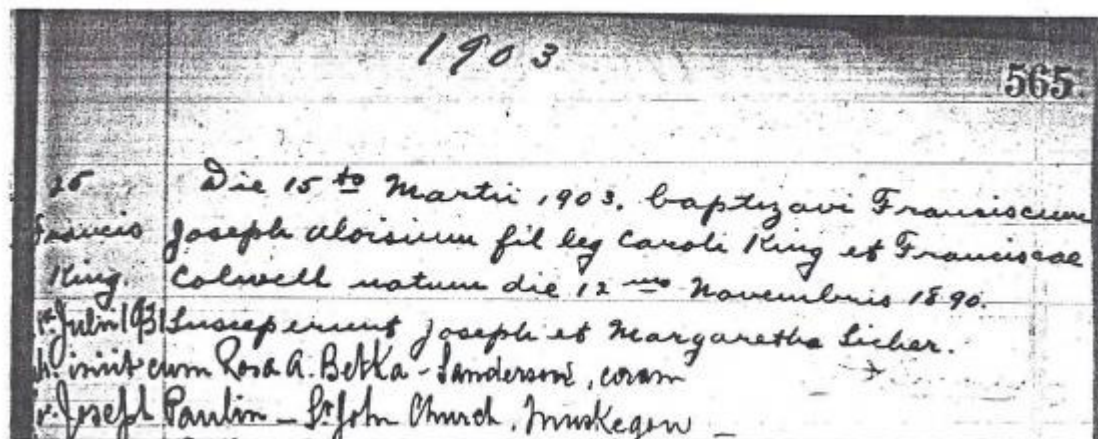
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History of Frank J. King

Now to continue the history of my father born 12 Nov 1890 and what history we know of him from birth until he met with his silent world 27 Aug 1958 in Mercy Hospital Muskegon County Michigan. Father's birth had not been registered, consequently, it was not in the County Clerk's Office although his brothers were registered so I was able to get a birth certificate on both Walter and Joseph. After researching for my father's birth record, I then went to Holy Cross

Catholic Church in Marine City to obtain his Baptismal Record but the wait was two to three years, therefore, I went to the City of Detroit Public Library Archives. I knew my father converted to Catholicism when he was about thirteen. The record was written in Latin but not difficult to translate as I knew some Church Latin. Good! I now had a copy of the original handwritten Baptismal record and not a Baptismal Certificate. I was unable to find father's school or school records because they only went back to 1950 so I figured that he attended the Third Ward Primary Public School in the Northwestern corner of Marine City based on the fact they had lived on both Ward and Belle Avenues, in close approximation. In addition, I searched but could not find a marriage or death certificate(s) on my grandparents in Marine City. I did not know where they died. Therefore, I used dad's god-parents names found on his Baptismal Record. I posted a message on Rootsweb Message Boards hoping to find descendants of Margaret and Joseph Sicher, whom I had assumed to be husband and wife, only later I found they were brother and sister. I knew from the 1900 St. Clair County Directory "Marine City Alphabetical Directory" that the Sicher family had a grocery store at Water and Bridge Streets not far from the King's residence and acrossed the street from Holy Cross Catholic Church.

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The 15 of March 1903 Francis Joseph Aliouis King was Baptized. Son of Charles Albert King and Frances Colwell. He born 12 November 1890. Godparents Joseph and Marguerite Sicher. The baptismal Record does not show the name of the Church but it was Holy Cross Catholic Church, St.Clair County, Marine City, Michigan. This is interesting, in that his father was married in Holy Cross Catholic Church in Leicester, England.

Note: added to my dad's Baptismal record was the day my father and mother married in Muskegon, Michigan USA at St. John's Catholic Church. Her maiden name as well as surname of first marriage was recorded also. The marriage date is not shown but was 8 July 1931.

**“Sicher, Joseph F. Clk P Sicher, res cor Market and Bridge
Sicher, Marguerite, res cor Market & Bridge and Water Streets.**



Joe and Marguerite (brother and sister) Sicher my father's Godparents,in
Sicher's Grocery Store. Little boy unknown.
Courtesy of Helena Smith descendent of Sicher Family