

THE BENN FAMILY

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bur

James William Benn

b England (children in census)

d 20 Feb 1848, 46 years old (St Georges Kingston bur); "At Kingston, on the 19th ult., Mr. W. Benn, City Surveyor." (death notice in The Toronto Herald of 2 March 1848)

surveyor (fam)

His portrait, painted on ivory, was in the possession of Grace Danhouser in the mid-1960s, when I had it photographed. Grace said that a similar portrait of his sister Jane is in the possession of the family of Lill Guetzkow.

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19 61 70 80 bp m2 d cem

Mary Harriet Vallier; Henriette (bp)

daughter of Jean-Baptiste Vaillant and Marie Majeau

b 1 May 1817 (d); b May 1818, bp 18 July 1818 Saint Mary's, Kingston (bp)

d 18 Aug 1895 South Milwaukee, Wisconsin (d), bur St Marks Cemetery

Wolfe Island 1861; to Oak Creek 1865 (dau's obit)

m2 26 Dec 1848 St Georges Kingston

61

Angus McLeod

b Scotland (61), 49 years old in 1861

draftsman, Wolfe Island, 1861

m3 19 Sept 1868 Oak Creek (fam bible)

40 50 60 75 85 d cem

Jeremiah McCreedy

b 30 Oct 1813 (d), 1812 (cem), 55 in 70; b Oswego, New York (co hist 95)

d 2 Feb 1888 Oak Creek (d), bur Oak Creek Town Cemetery

came to Oak Creek 1836 (hist atlas 76); farmer in Section 11, Oak Creek

m1 1838 (hist atlas 76) ?Hannibal, New York

Chloe E. Daniels

b 27 March 1815 (cem)

d 16 Oct 1859 (cem)

Children:

1 i George W., b c 23 April 1840 Upper Canada

ii Harriet Ellen, b 21 Dec about 1846 Upper Canada

iii a child drowned in the St Lawrence (fam)

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CHILDREN OF JAMES WILLIAM BENN AND HARRIET VALLIER:

2 61 75 80 m d ob cem

1 George W. Benn (61)

23 in 1861; b 1840 (cem) about 23 April (obit), probably in Loughborough (m says Noble, Upper Canada; regimental rolls say Wolfe Island)

d 13 June 1882, 42 years, 1 month, 20 days old (obit), bur Hillside Cemetery

Wolfe Island, Ontario, 1861. Came to Lake Town, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin, enlisted in the army 1862; Co. K, 24th Wis. Inf. 12 Aug 1862 - 30 June 1865, later in Co. A, 1st U. S. Vet. Vol. Engineers. Came to

Lancaster in April 1869 (Civil War pension file,ob); carpenter
m 24 Aug 1862 Lake (m); m 23 Aug 1862 (Laura ob)
50 60 70 85 90 95 00 d cem ob

Laura A. Page; Laurie Benn (70)
daughter of Gideon R. Page and Clarissa (m)
b 23 Nov 1843 (ob), b 22 Oct 1843 (d) Underhill, Chittenden County (d,ob);
9 in 1850, 18 in 1860, 28 in 1870, 39 in 1880;1900 says b Nov 1833, age 67
d 17 Feb 1905 Lancaster, bur Hillside Cemetery
Westford, Chittenden County, Vermont, 1850; came to Milwaukee with her
parents in 1855 (ob); with her parents in Oak Creek Town, Milwaukee
County, 1860; living in Beetown Town, Grant County, with the children in
1870(p27), apparently on her father's farm; 2 males, 3 females, 5 b U.S.,
Lancaster, 1885(p9) 1895

Children:

- 4 i Laura M., b 3 April 1866 Milwaukee
- ii Clarissa A., b 17 Dec 1869 near Lancaster
- iii William George, b 8 July 1872 Lancaster
- iv Arthur James, b 13 April 1876 Lancaster

1 61 70 80 05 10 20 d ob cem
2 Harriet Ellen Benn; Harriett L. Benn (61)
b 21 Dec, year uncertain: 1845 (Aunt Ollie), 1846 (cem), 1847 (d); 18 in
1861, 23 in 1870, 30 in 1877 (St Marks conf), 36 in 1880, 56--altered to
54--in 1900 but b Dec 1840!, 75 in 1920; b Kingston Ontario (fam)
d 7 Feb 1925 South Milwaukee, Wisconsin, bur St Marks (d)
Wolfe Island 1861; came to Oak Creek with her mother in 1865 (obit);
ed314,p25 in 1920

m Jan 1866 Oak Creek (fam bible)
61 70 75 80 85 95 00 05 10 b d cem ob

Thomas Bothwick Dowie
son of Robert Dowie and Jane Bellonby
b 3 Nov 1839 Newcastle upon Tyne (b)
d 20 June 1916 Milwaukee, bur St Marks (d)
Came to the U.S. March 1848 Port of New York (Milw Co declaration of
intent). Sailor, Wolfe Island, 1861. Came to Milwaukee County 1863 (hist
atlas 76). Took over the McCreedy farm, 2717 South Chicago Road.

Children:

- i Henrietta Jane, b 28 Feb 1867
- ii Agnes Hannah, b 7 Nov 1868
- iii Harriet Ellen, b 18 Aug 1870
- iv Lillie Grace, b 12 Nov 1871
- v Thomas Angus, b 11 Oct 1873
- vi Eva, b 31 Jan 1876
- vii George William, b 19 Jan 1878
- viii James Robert, b 23 March 1880
- ix Edith Christina, b 7 Feb 1883
- x Bessie Mabel, b 21 Nov 1885
- xi Olive Marion, b 28 Aug 1888

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CHILDREN OF GEORGE WILLIAM BENN AND LAURA A. PAGE:

3 70 80 00 05 10 20 40 d ob cem
4 Laura M. Benn (70,40); Laurie Benn (70); called Lula (d) or Lulu (cem)
b 3 April 1866 Milwaukee Wisconsin (d,00); 4 in 1870, 39 in 1905; 74 in
1940, b Wisconsin
d 23 April 1949 Lancaster, bur Hillside Cemetery (d)

seamstress, Lancaster (d); dressmaker 1900; dressmaker, Lancaster, 1905(p19); dressmaker, Adams Street, Lancaster 1910; dressmaking, North Jackson, Lancaster 1920; seamstress, 226 North Adams, Lancaster, 1940

3 70 80 00 05 10 20 30 40 d ob cem

5 Clarissa A. Benn; Clarisa Benn (70); Carrie A. Benn (40); called Carrie (00,05)

b 17 Dec 1869 (Civil War pension file, 00, d) near Lancaster (ob); 2/12 on 1 June 1870 enum 26 July; 35 in 1905, 60 in 1930; 69 in 1940, b Wisconsin d 31 March 1952 Lancaster Wisconsin, bur Hillside Cemetery (d) seamstress, Lancaster (d); dressmaker 1900; living with her sister Laura in Lancaster, 1905; dressmaker, Adams Street, Lancaster 1910; dressmaking, North Jackson, Lancaster 1920; 226 North Adams, 1930; seamstress, 226 North Adams, 1940

3 80 00 05 10 20 30 40 m WWI d ob

6 William George Benn (WWI)

b 8 July 1872 (Civil War pension file,00,d) Lancaster (m); b 8 July 1873 (WWI); 32 in 1905, 57 in 1930; 67 in 1940, b Wisconsin

d 9 Jan 1961 South Lancaster Town, Grant County, bur Hillside Cemetery (d) butcher, Lancaster 1900 1902 1905(p19) 1908; butcher, Adams Street, Lancaster, 1910; plumbing & heating, Clinton, 1918 (WWI); Church Street, Clinton Wisconsin, 1920; plumber, boarding with La Vere Widman family, Clinton, 1930; living with his sisters in Lancaster 1940

According to his obituary he was a plumber by trade, had a shop in Jefferson for a short time; also worked in Lancaster and Clinton (obit).

m 22 Jan 1902 Lancaster

05 10 20 d

Daisy Catharine Price

daughter of Daniel Price and Jane Deibler (m); Deibeler (d)

b 3 Oct 1875 (d), 4 in 1880, 29 in 1905, 34 in 1910, 43 in 1920; b Mountain Home, Monroe County, Pennsylvania (m)

d 18 May 1924 at St Joseph's Hospital, Milwaukee, bur Clinton (d496-331) Lancaster 1880. According to William's obituary, they reared a nephew L. C. Widman, living in Wildwood Illinois in 1961; Clifford L. Whitman, age 4, b Minnesota (05).

Child:

8 i Laura Fern, b 4 Oct 1908 Lancaster

3 80 00 05 10 20 30 40 m WWI d ob cem

7 Arthur James Benn (WWI)

b 13 April 1876 (Civil War pension file,80,00,WWI) Lancaster (m); 29 in 1905, 33 in 1910; 51 in 1930, 22 at 1st marriage; 61 in 1940

d 9 Feb 1942 Dodgeville Wisconsin, bur Hillside Cemetery Lancaster 1900; merchant, Lancaster 1900 (m); butcher, laborer, Mineral Point, 1905(p13); salesman, butcher and grocery, Mineral Point, 1910; Crystal Theater, Dodgeville, 1918 (WWI); operator, picture business, Division Street, Dodgeville 1920; manager, picture theatre, 221 East Division Street, 1930; stock clerk, Iowa County highway department, 221 East Division, Dodgeville, 1940; lived in Janesville, Mineral Point, and Linden, before coming to Dodgeville in 1910 (obit); operated motion picture show in Linden and same business in Dodgeville; sold out in 1931 (obit)

m 4 Dec 1900 Mifflin Town, Iowa County

05 10 20 30 40 bdelayed d cem ob

Maude Louise Wong (bdelayed)

daughter of Charles Ely Wong and Emma Josephine Vickerman (b delayed)

b 18 Aug 1882 "Village of Mifflin (bdelayed reg 1941), b Mifflin (m,d)
d 4 May 1958 at a Dodgeville hospital (d,ob), bur Hillside Cemetery
with her husband owned and operated the old Crystal theater in Dodgeville
many years (ob)

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CHILD OF WILLIAM G. BENN AND DAISY PRICE:

4 b d
8 Laura Fern Benn
b 4 Oct 1908 Lancaster Wisconsin
d 5 Oct 1908 Lancaster